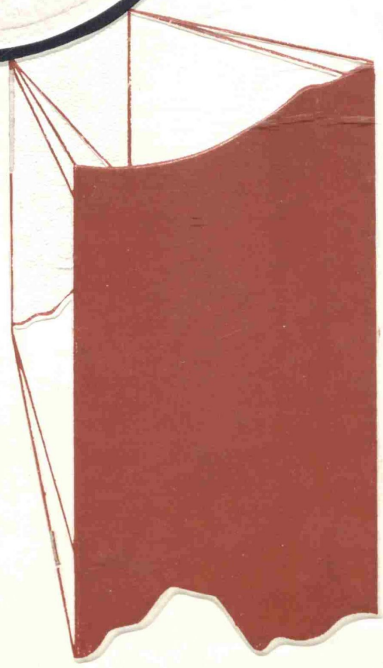
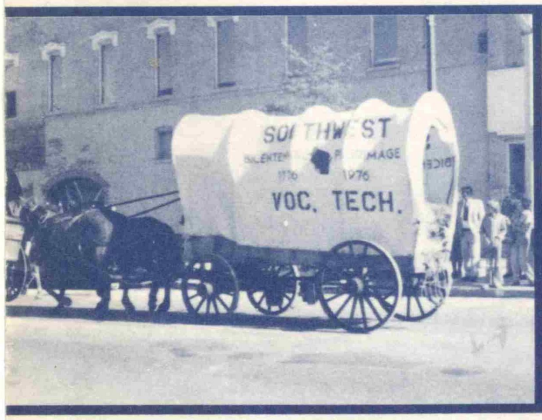
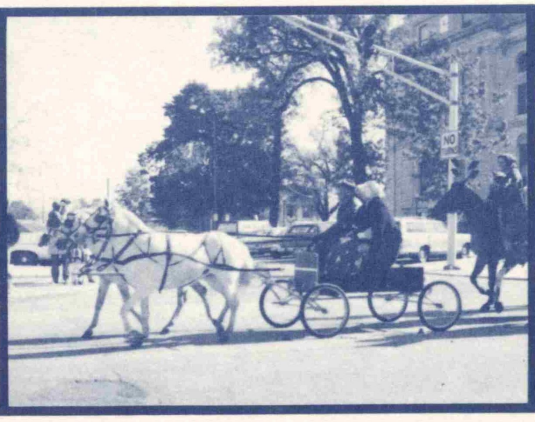


A Biographical History of Porter County

A Project of the
American Revolution
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of Porter County


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The Bicentennial wagon train passed through Valparaiso on its way to an overnight stay at the fairgrounds.

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A BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA

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This is the invitation which, together with notices in Porter County News Media (similar to the one reprinted below) resulted in the responses which totaled sufficient interest to publish this book of approximately 300 family histories . . .

The addition of an old Porter County history and more current histories from five Porter County Cities and Towns caused a slight delay in the delivery date originally planned for July 4, 1976; however we hope readers will agree this addition has added a meaningful dimension worth waiting for . . .

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PORTER COUNTY

American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Porter County, Inc.

BOX 1776, VALPARAISO, INDIANA 46383

We are going to publish a biographical history of Porter County. This book must be written in 1975 to be ready for 1976, the Bicentennial Year of the American Revolution for Independence. YOUR FAMILY PICTURE will be included in this book FREE. A biographical story of YOUR FAMILY will be included in this book FREE. But YOU need to act now or in the very near future. The deadline for receiving pictures and stories by the Bicentennial Committee is Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

Now that you know what we are going to do, would you please take the time to write a page or so describing your present family by listing your names, how you came to be a resident of Porter County, including any accounts of your life or work or growing up or going to school or dealing with problems or belonging to churches or organizations or anything else you would like to have written in the BICENTENNIAL HISTORY OF PORTER COUNTY.

Send your (preferably) typed, double-spaced story and a current family picture, if available, to Porter County Bicentennial History, Box 1776, Valparaiso, Ind. 46383, before Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

If you have any questions or need any help in getting any of this done on time, call any of these numbers: 462-1105, 996-3633, 996-3962, 762-3300, 762-1435, or 926-5513, whichever is a local call from your home.

A limited number of these books will be printed. If you want to be sure to get one, you may send your check along with your story and picture. Checks should be made payable to Porter County Bicentennial History Book. Prepublication price is $20.00. Your history will be included in the book whether you order or not.

Since not everyone will receive this notice or read about it in the paper, we are counting on you to tell your friends, relatives, and neighbors about this great project. Everyone can be included in this deluxe volume — just SEND A STORY.

TYPICAL NEWS RELEASE MID-YEAR 1975 . . .

Histories of County Families Are Sought

Local banks are assisting the County Bicentennial Committee in a program of gathering family histories and pictures to be included in a history of the people of Porter County.

Banks are mailing 40,000 announcements with their bank statements to county residents who are being asked to compile a concise account including names and dates, reasons for living here, schools attended, methods of earning a living, transportation, dealing with problems, and any other information that will contribute to an interesting history.

"Editing by the committee will be minimal," a spokesman said. "Persons who write and submit the biographies will be specially acknowledged in the book. Fame, wealth, and longevity are not prerequisites to being included in the book. Every family story and portrait will be used. However, false modesty is not invited, either."

The finished volume will be a limited edition. Orders may be placed when stories and pictures are sent. All materials and orders should be addressed to the Bicentennial Committee, Box 1776, Valparaiso. All questions regarding the project may be answered by a local phone call to one of the following numbers: 462-1105, 996-3633, 996-3962, 762-3300, 762-1435 and 926-5513.

The committee suggests that readers clip and save this story as a reminder. The deadline by which they need to receive stories, pictures and orders is Labor Day, Sept. 1, so that the finished volumes can be delivered as part of the United States' 200th birthday celebration.

DEDICATION



CHARLES S. McGILL, Chairman, Executive Committee
McGill Manufacturing Company, Inc.

MANY CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS PEOPLE THROUGHOUT PORTER COUNTY GAVE UNSELFISHLY OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO MAKE THE PORTER COUNTY BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE A SUCCESS. APPRECIATION IS GIVEN TO ALL WHO HELPED IN THE COUNTY, CITIES, TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS OF PORTER COUNTY . . .

TYPICAL OF THIS DEVOTION TO THE NATION'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS LONG-TIME VALPARAISO INDUSTRIALIST AND CIVIC LEADER CHARLES S. McGILL AND THE McGILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

MR. McGILL SERVED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE OF PORTER COUNTY FOR TWO YEARS. HE HAS HELPED IN MANY WAYS TO ORGANIZE AND SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE. ALL REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE HELD IN THE McGILL CONFERENCE ROOM. ACCORDINGLY, THE COMMITTEE RENDERS THIS SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL DEDICATION AND SALUTE . . .

THIS IS THE BROCHURE USED TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PORTER COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE . . .

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PORTER COUNTY

American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Porter County, Inc.

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YOU ARE INVITED:

To be a part of your community's plans . . .

To unite with others in programs . . .

To help instill in our citizens a greater appreciation of those blessings won by the Founding Fathers . . .

To become a part of nationwide efforts being made to observe OUR birthday . . .

I. INTRODUCTION AND OUTLINE OF PURPOSE

"A Past to Remember — A Future to Mold", that is the designated theme of the 1976 BiCentennial celebration. It will be celebrated at all levels and locations, federal to city, Maine to California. Planners have suggested that thought be given to the past (Heritage '76), the celebration itself (Festival U.S.A.) and the future (Horizons '76). It is the goal of the Porter County BiCentennial Commission to plan projects and events appropriate to the theme and suggested plan. It is a time for all of us to take an opportunity to re-orient ourselves, to reflect on a proud heritage and to inject that heritage into plans and events just over the horizon.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

II. THE COUNTY COMMITTEE (P.C.A.R.B.C.)

Planning need only be as elaborate as an event warrants and that means an all out affair when the event is the celebration of 200 years of freedom. In keeping with the magnitude of the planning, Porter County began in 1972 to establish a planning group now known as the American Revolution BiCentennial Committee of Porter County. Its organizing president was Mrs. Robert Anderson who served during 1973.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Jane Aylesworth	(Secretary)
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Richard Laube	
Charles S. McGill	(Vice Pres.)
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Keith Reinert	
James Rose	
John Schnurlein	(Treasurer)
Chuck Wheeler	

The Committee is divided into four main committees whose responsibilities are defined by the title. Divisions are:

1. Finance
2. Project
3. Publicity
4. Research

YOU ARE INVITED to be a part of YOUR county's plans. YOUR help is needed to unite with others in programs, to help instill in everyone a greater appreciation of those blessings won by the Founding Fathers and to become

part of nationwide efforts being made to observe OUR birthday.

III. PLANNING

Plans for projects and events will include the following:

1. Organize & coordinate local committees, events & interest in Porter County
2. Design historical map of county for publication & touring
3. Develop markers & register for century homes & buildings
4. Encourage painting of barns and titling some with family name and date farm was established
5. Plan fund-raising projects
6. Purchase replica of liberty bell for county wide display
7. Encourage gala July 4th weekends throughout Porter County
8. Support a heritage square including Old Jail, Opera House & Sheriff's home
9. Encourage archeology teams to document Indiana mounds and encourage preservation of the same. Study Indian heritage.
10. Encourage all county agencies, business, churches, etc., to compile histories to be recorded at source center such as library, museum and/or newspapers
11. Compile in book form a general county history to be sold to interested residents
12. Provide the forum for interested citizens & organizations to plan for Bicentennial involvement

Other projects may be added as ideas are presented and people are willing to assume the responsibility for the project.

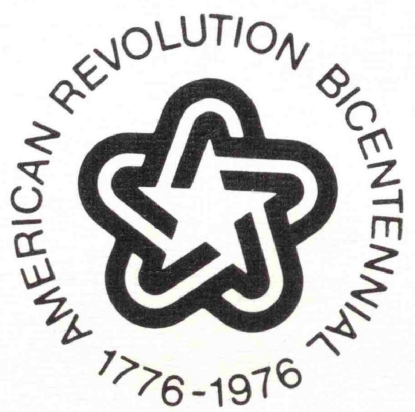
IV. The ARBC — City & Town

With the formation of five city/town committees, local history, parades, pageants, and a wide variety of Bicentennial observances are now being planned.

The following persons are chairing the committees:

Hebron	Lee Buchanan
Kouts	Carl Hefner & Jim Rose
Portage	Kathy Hansen
North Porter Co.	Bill King
Valparaiso	George Pavicic
Washington Township	Jeanne Fabian

The Porter County ARBC meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the McGill's conference room, 909 Lafayette, Valparaiso at 7:30 p.m. YOU ARE MOST CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US.



A BRIEF REFLECTION ON BICENTENNIAL PLANNING LISTED ABOVE . . .

In the immediate afterglow of the many Bicentennial Plans, it appears 1976 did indeed offer something of a unique observance for those who chose to take advantage of it. Bicentennial Committees worked long and hard all over Porter County and the County Committee did coordinate many of these events at its monthly meetings. A historical map was designed and circulated with the cooperation of the Westchester and Valparaiso Chambers of Commerce. Century homes were appropriately marked when desired by their owners. Fund-raising projects were generously supported. Area financial institutions donated a replica of the Liberty Bell. Hebron, Kouts, Portage, North Porter County, Valparaiso and Washington Twp. all had meaningful celebrations, most with parades. A tour of heritage square was sponsored in cooperation with the Indiana State Architectural Heritage Committee. An Indian Heritage talk was given. Many historical articles were presented by area news media. This history book has been completed and last, but not least all Porter County citizens were given a forum to discuss and plan for related Bicentennial events. A few of the additional events will be discussed in the officer review section of this book . . .

MANY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN THE BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT PORTER COUNTY. HERE ARE A FEW REPRESENTATIVE PICTURES TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 1976 ARBC MEETING . . .



ARBC County Officers: Dolores Dean, President; John Schnurlein. Treasurer; and Mary Jane Aylesworth, Secretary.

The North Porter County, Valparaiso University, and National Park Service (Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore) were also represented at many county meetings . . . thus the forum for an exchange of ideas and Bicentennial programs was made available to any and all who worked on the various events and to the media which covered the ARBC meetings.



Hebron Committee: *Front* Grace Taylor, Mary Jane Aylesworth, Carol Dickinson, *Rear* Joyce Porter, Lenore Norris, Marilyn Tysen.



Valparaiso Committee: George Pavicic (deceased), President; Nancy Lahti, Secretary; George Nash, Vice-President; Charles Welter, Treasurer.



Chairpersons: Terry Dietz, History Book; Mary Kingsbury, Publicity; Connie Felten, Bicentennial Ball; Roberta Pierce, Speakers Bureau; John Worstell, Fountain.



Representing the Washington Township Committee, Jeanne Fabian shares a publicity banner with County ARBC President Dolores Dean.



Portage Committee: Joe Blackwell, Treasurer; Kathy Hansen, Chairman; Mary Ann Rockhill, Secretary; Tom Rogers, Vice-President.

FROM THE SECRETARY

A Porter County meeting sponsored by the Historical Committee of the Valparaiso Rotary Club, of which my husband is a member, met in Valparaiso in December of 1973. Several phases of historic preservation were discussed. A Porter County Bicentennial Committee was formed. My name was on that committee.

I attended the first meeting of the Porter County American Revolution Bicentennial Committee on January 16th, 1973. Officers were elected at that meeting: Mrs. Robert Anderson, Chrmn.; Mr. Russell Willis, Vice-Chrmn.; Mrs. John Aylesworth, Treas. and Sec'y.

Since that time, many people have given much time and effort on the many and varied projects that have been initiated by this Committee in an effort to remind *everyone* of the 200th Birthday of the greatest Nation on the face of this earth. We have tried to involve all of the communities in Porter County in some way, by encouraging them to have meaningful activities to remind us of our great heritage and to thank God for our Country.

We set goals back in '73. I feel that we have accomplished these. This "Historical Book of Porter County" should be a lasting memento of this era. It is good for us to share our family histories. Many, many people went into the making of this County. It is good to know that they and their progeny share in the great feeling of love for this place we call HOME.

It has been a privilege for me to serve as Secretary of the Porter County Bicentennial Committee for the duration.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Aylesworth
(Secy)

Mary Jane Aylesworth
Secretary



To the hundreds of "Editors" of this history book goes our heartfelt thanks . . . Also to the many loyal members of the ARBC of Porter County who typed histories, proof-read copy and pasted up galley sheets the thought is extended that we'd never have made it without you. We're extremely grateful for the help!

A special thanks to the young people of many Porter County Schools who made historical research a classroom project during the Bicentennial year. Thanks, too to the many senior citizens who contributed their personal recollections of family and community history as they personally viewed it. We commend the R.S.V.P. Retired Senior Volunteer organization for putting the original histories in alphabetical order.



Shot taken of the meeting in January 1976 of the ARBC of Porter County.

SPECIAL INVITATION

If reading this Porter County History Book causes you to reflect and wish that you too had submitted a family history, the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee would like to invite you to consider this an opportunity to do so.

We plan on printing a few library copies of a typed supplement to this book. Please limit copy to One Page, Single-Spaced, Typed copy suitable for Xeroxing . . . Send to John Schnurlein, 1500 Lafayette Street, Valparaiso, IN. 46383 no later than June 30, 1977. We'll see that copies of the supplement are sent to all Porter County libraries.



Also, careful reading may indicate errors which should have been corrected. We'll gladly attempt to include footnotes for this purpose in the library supplements.

We also realize that there have been many changes in certain of the family histories and in many community, government and civic leadership roles since most of the histories were submitted in 1975. These changes may hopefully be brought up to date by another committee on another meaningful anniversary date for Porter County or the Nation . . . to those who attempt this mission, we wish the best of luck and express the hope that this work presents a meaningful source of information . . . both historical and interesting.

FROM THE TREASURER

When Congress and the National American Revolution Bicentennial Commission decided to recommend that communities throughout the Nation plan their own 1976 Bicentennial Celebrations, Porter County citizens rose to the occasion. Bicentennial Committees were formed not only in the County, but also in all cities, towns, some townships, Valparaiso University and the National Park Service at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

I was originally asked to join the ARBC of Porter County to be publicity chairman. After the fund-raising began, it was decided to split the secretary-treasurer office and I was elected with Mary Jane Aylesworth continuing as secretary. Martha Baepler succeeded me as publicity chairman and Mary Kingsbury took over from Martha. All of us received excellent cooperation and coverage from Porter County news media.

It was my special pleasure to represent the ARBC of Porter County at numerous meetings of clubs, organizations, and schools throughout Porter County. Old and new 35m.m. slides of Porter County were shown and ARBC brochures were distributed. Roberta Pierce, chairman of the speakers bureau, arranged these talks for other officers, committee chairpersons and myself. Hopefully they helped to stimulate interest in the Bicentennial throughout Porter County.

In summary, the ARBC celebration in Porter County was what each individual chose to make it. Certainly the parades, wagon train tour, Bicentennial Ball, pageants etc. were of great interest to those who organized and attended. Some considered the Bicentennial celebration "over commercialized" or a "Ho-Hum" experience. To do so was to lose sight of the many positive things accomplished locally. The wisdom of a variety of celebrations proved itself here. True some plans were only modestly successful and others failed; however by and large the event was successful and a rebirth of pride in the U.S.A. became increasingly apparent as the Bicentennial year arrived. It would be sad not to have learned from and to have enjoyed some portion of the wide variety of Bicentennial activities in the many areas where it was celebrated in Porter County. This history book is a Bicentennial tribute to many Porter County families.

Our Porter County heritage is strong. Porter County continues to grow rapidly. We have much here for which to be thankful, not the least of which is the opportunity to grow and prosper. Face the future proudly . . . while the Bicentennial pageantry is gone, our Bicentennial heritage lives on . . .

John R. Schnurlein, Treasurer
ARBC of Porter County

Bicentennial Reflections Dolores J. Dean, President

In the early 1970's when the Congress voted to establish an American Revolution Bicentennial Commission (later to be reorganized as the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration—ARBA), many people would say "Bicentennial? What's that?". Part of the national enabling legislation set forth requirements for states to establish a commission. In 1971 the Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was appointed by Governor Whitcomb.

From the outset of all planning, it was understood that the main celebrations were to be concentrated locally. Yes, there would be special events in the major cities, but in the main people would be encouraged to plan their celebrations, activities and projects in and about their local community. The plan worked!

Porter County and its communities were in tune with the nation and the state. From the beginning, the P.C. ARBC strived to get the cities and towns involved and to encourage and help where needed to get a local committee formed. To the credit of all concerned, our county was honored by ARBA by having 6 Bicentennial Community designations: Porter County ARBC, North Porter County, Portage, Hebron, Kouts and Valparaiso. This honor has a special meaning as it indicated that all these committees had bicentennial plans that encompased Heritage '76, Festival '76 and Horizons '76. In addition, Valparaiso University had a committee and the University was designated a Bicentennial University.

The projects taken up by the P.C. ARBC are county wide in scope. It is a pleasure to see that they are on their way to fulfillment or already completed.

These endeavors by our county committee have been successful because of the foresight, the determination, the dedication and most of all, the work done by the people of Porter County and especially of those named within this book. Without the people of the Porter County Committee and the local committees, our celebrations and our lasting remembrances both visual and spiritual, would not be.

My personal involvement has been especially gratifying and meaningful. Serving on the initial committee in Porter County and then on to the Chairmanship, serving as 2nd District Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the Indiana ARBC have proved to me once again that our people do have the spirit, the knowledge, the ability and the dedication, as well as the willingness, of their forefathers who came from near and far to make our great and beloved country. May these attributes continue through our next one hundred years.

A SPECIAL SALUTE AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE BICENTENNIAL A YEAR FOR ALL TO REMEMBER.

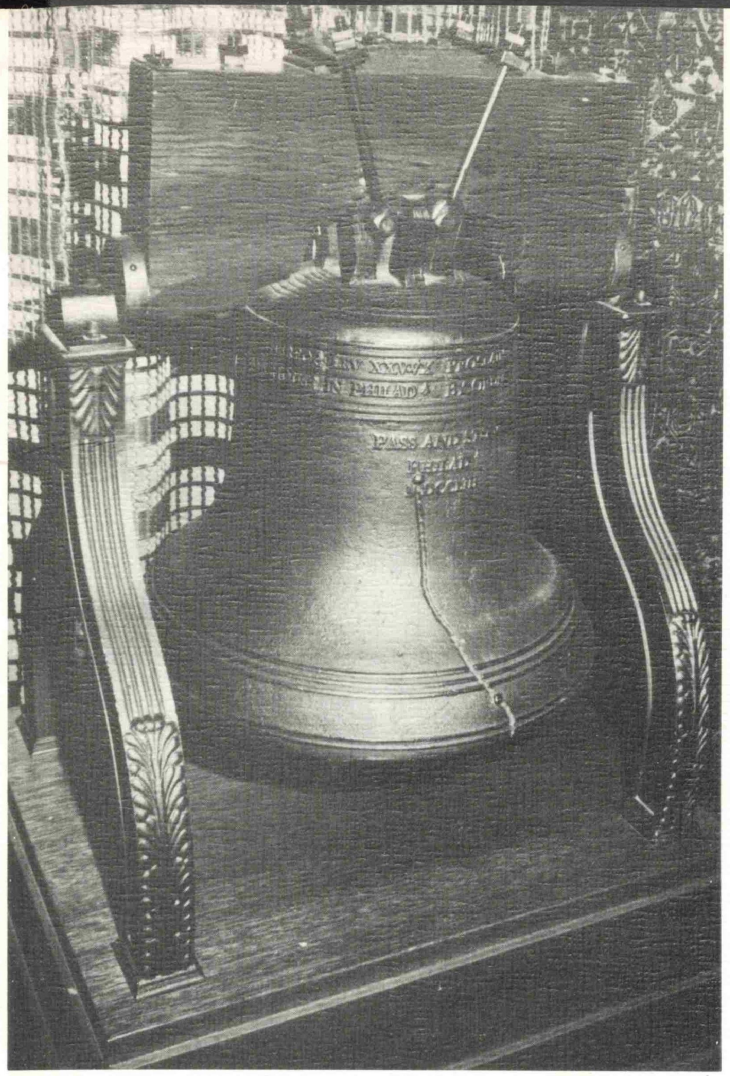
From the Vice-President

In many ways this book of Porter County family histories represents the *alpha* and *omega* of the Porter County American Revolution Bicentennial Committee. The book was among the very early ideas considered as a county project. As a committee, we knew that we would not be the agency to sponsor parades, local citizen participatory events, and other 200-year presentations. A book of this type records for posterity family participation in the development of Porter County. Such a compilation then becomes an appropriate function of a county-wide committee. As current vice president of the committee, I join my predecessors in this office, Charles S. McGill and Russell A. Willis, in commending the editors and their many volunteer helpers for assembling these family stories for perpetual reference.

On behalf of the entire committee it is appropriate to use this opportunity to express, in another capacity—finance chairman, sincere gratitude to the many people who made contributions to meet the financial needs of the committee. Although individual acknowledgement appears elsewhere, we should identify the banks of Porter County, which made possible the acquisition of the Liberty Bell replica. The McGill Manufacturing Company was likewise a major contributor.

This book, then, becomes one of the last projects of the Porter County Bicentennial Committee. Read it with nostalgia. Read it with a determination to project the fine characteristics of our ancestors onward to the next centennial!

Dick Laube,
Vice President
Porter County American Revolution
Bicentennial Committee



Exact replica of the Liberty Bell as seen on display throughout the county.

EXTRA BOOK COPIES

The ARBC of Porter County has ordered a limited number of extra copies of this book. If you're interested in a copy, we invite you to call Dolores Dean at Strongbow International Travel (464-4851) or John Schnurlein at Northern Indiana Bank (462-2151). Copies will be available on a call priority basis. No second printing is contemplated at this time.

CITY & TOWN HISTORIES

Several City and Town histories start in 1936. Readers are advised that prior histories were published in the 1936 Centennial Issue for Porter County published by the Vidette-Messenger newspaper. This issue is available for research on microfilm at the Valparaiso Public Library.

Certain deletions in the city and town histories were deemed necessary by the committee. Space was the consideration and there was no attempt to limit or change the meaning of the original copy.

Only a limited number of punctuation and sentence structure changes were made in city, town or family histories.

FAMILY PICTURES

The Bicentennial Book Committee attempted to select what were considered the most representative family picture when duplicates were submitted. Notice of the procedure regarding return of all pictures will be received with or prior to the issue of the book.

Editing of the following Family Histories was kept at a minimum. Except for a few which exceeded space limitations, they appear as they were submitted. The variety of form and content was intentional and we hope readers will understand that no formal outline was given for the creation of these family histories. We would like to compliment everyone who took the time to prepare their family history and also to thank the many people who helped the committee organize and distribute this book.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
OF PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA, Inc.

AN EARLY HISTORY OF PORTER COUNTY

BY HELEN MABEL BENNEY

This brief resume of Porter County history relies mainly on the account written by Hubert M. Skinner in 1882. No one loved the place of his nativity more than he or was more alive to the beauty of its varied landscape, hills and dales, rolling prairies, noble trees, sunny pastures, watered by winding, spring fed streams, and the solemn glory of the wave washed dune land, habitat of the most variegated fauna and flora in the world.

We have no record of Porter County being the permanent abode of the Indians but rather a happy hunting ground at certain seasons of the year, as they passed around Lake Michigan between Wisconsin and the state of Michigan and stopped for indefinite periods to hunt, fish, or some believe to visit the medicinal springs in different parts of the county. They remained, however, long enough and in sufficient numbers to attract the attention of the French missionaries, travelling from Canada toward the Mississippi. In 1672 Fathers Allonez and Dablon visited the lake shore. In 1673 Marquette with six followers paddled up the Kankakee. In 1679 about thirty men, among whom were LaSalle, LaMotte, Father Hennepin, and the Chevalier de Toni, crossed from Illinois to Michigan, probably by the Old Sack Trail. In 1711 many Indians embraced Christianity under the teachings of Chardon.

Traders followed the Church men. These were both English and French. Both traded "fire water" for furs. The missionary Charlevoix, mentions this and the rivalry between English and French as the cause of much strife. In 1799 the territory passed to the English, one of the results of the French and Indian War. The Pottawatomies always favored the French. In 1781 Don Pierre siezed the lake shore in the name of the King of Spain. This occupation was short lived. In 1788 at the close of the revolution, the Colonies interpreted the treaty with England as giving them claim to the Lake Michigan shore; in 1896 Great Britain acknowledged their claim; and in 1803 Col. John Whistler passed through this country on his way to the Chicago River, at whose mouth he erected Fort Dearborn.

From 1816 when Indiana became a state, traders passed back and forth from Detroit to Fort Dearborn, notably Alexander Robinson and Joseph Baille, the first of mixed English, French, and Indian blood, the second a pure Frenchman. Finally in 1822 Baille, who had married an Indian girl, made his permanent home at Baille Town in Westchester Township, presumably the first white settlement in Porter County.

A stage coach line from Detroit to Fort Dearborn in 1833 brought settlers in considerable number to the county. Jesse William, and Isaac Morgan, Adam S. and T. A. E. Campbell, Jacob Fleming, Reason Bell, and Ruel Starr were among the number. The Crumpackers, Bartholomews, Gossets, Paines, Hurlburts, Jacob Wolf, Thomas Frame, Jesse Johnston, J. P. Ballard, and Abram Stoner came the next year. Many of their homes became road houses for the entertainment of travelers. Some brought in small quantities of goods for sale; others turned to milling, blacksmithing and wagon making. By 1835 all were buying government land, establishing homesteads, and setting out orchards. Finley's "Hoosiers' Nest" described these homes.

Wherever a considerable number of people gather together boundaries must be marked, laws agreed to, and courts established. Porter County was set up by act of legislature January 28, 1836. Provision was made by the appointment of Benjamin Saylor as sheriff and by empowering him to order an election of two associate judges of the circuit court, one clerk of court, three commissioners and one recorder. Judges elected were James Blair and L. G. Jackson; commissioners, John Sefford, Benjamin Spencer, Noah Touts; recorder, Cyrus Spurlock; clerk, George Turner. The new county was named for Commodore David Porter, one of the naval heroes of the War of 1812.

In 1836 the first session of circuit court find Judge Samuel C. Sample holding court in the home of John Saylor, south-east corner of Franklin and Lincolnway, first in the front room, later under an oak tree on the lawn. Many of the settlers of '33, '34, and '35 were among the jurors, which included also Wilson Malone, Lewis Corner, Solon Robinson, David Bryant, William Trinkle, John Jones, and James Ross. In 1837 a frame court house was built on the block west of the present court house square by Solomon Cheney at a cost of $1,250.00 and a log jail, where the present jail now stands, arose in 1838.

Religious and educational facilities were cherished equally with law and trade by the early settlers. The rendezvous at Baille's home was the scene of many gatherings, where the Catholic priests instructed both whites and natives all through the county. Later such rendezvous were held by the priests. As small hamlets were founded in other parts of the county, these were visited by home missionaries of many denominations. Miss Mary Hammond taught school in a log school house near State Road 49 as early as 1835; a circulating library dates back to 1837. Religious services were held by the Baptist denomination as early as '35 or '36. The present church in Valparaiso was organized by Rev. Alpheus French in 1837. Rev. J. C. Brown, who came to Valparaiso in 1839, organized churches at Salem, Tassinong, and Twenty Mile Prairie as the Valparaiso church. Bryan Smith has in his possession a scrap book of his grandfather, Sylvester Smith's, mentioning a Methodist class meeting in 1835 at Valparaiso. Very early there were preaching places also at Morgan Prairie, Kankakee, City West, Horse Prairie, Hebron, Salt Creek, and Louis Penock's home.

Newspapers, another agency of uplift and intelligence in a community, were inaugurated by James Castle's Republican of 1842. William M. Harrison and William C. Talcott were among the early publishers.

As mentioned before the stage coach was the earliest public conveyance and the Detroit to Chicago line the first one to pass through Porter County. Michigan City was the market for selling produce and buying supplies. It was reached by a day of difficult and dangerous travel over corduroy roads; later by a plank road. The driver generally slept on the floor of the warehouse over night and returned home, if lucky, the third day. It was not till 1858 that the county seat boasted a railroad. Ruel Starr and John Skinner were instrumental in securing its right of way for the Pennsylvania. The Lake Shore and Michigan Central had crossed the county to the north three years before. With the coming of the railroads Porter County entered on a new era of progress. To this period belong the three institutions of higher learning which the people of the county have enjoyed and profited by, the Valparaiso Male and Female College, the Valparaiso Collegiate Institute, and the Northern Indiana Normal School. The first two, established by the Methodists and Presbyterians respectively, were short lived. The third still flourishes as Valparaiso University. It was founded in 1873 by H. B. Brown, who bought the building of the Valparaiso Male and Female College. His school was known the length and breadth of the land for the sterling type of citizens it sent into every state of the Union. The Dodge Institute of Telegraphy also dates back to this period and has made an enviable record for itself.

Following the Civil War many of the beautiful old homes in the county were erected; the brick business blocks, the Grand Opera House, the Academy of Music and Memorial Opera House. Brick churches took the place of the old frame structures. The corner stone of the court house was laid in 1883. The corner stone of the beautiful Catholic Church of Valparaiso the same year. Other denominations followed her example.

The history of modern Porter County dates from the World's Fair of 1893. From that great object lesson came the impulse for water works, better roads, and electricity in homes as well as public buildings. The telephones and automobile followed, moving pictures offered amusement within the reach of everyone. Yet amid all these distractions Porter County remains a farming community with spots of beauty and recreation, which attract travelers from every state in our land.

CHESTERTON AND PORTER OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

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.... PREFACE ....

This Bicentennial era in American history gives us reason to reflect not only upon our heritage, but on the changes in things which are close to us, such as our communities. In keeping with this reflective spirit, I have chosen to write about many of the changes which are part of this area's local history.

Essentially, this history is an economic-political view of Porter and Chesterton during the twentieth century. I have placed special emphasis on the period after 1950 since personal observations indicate an accelerated growth within the community. Each reader should be aware of the fact that I use an internal model for comparison to reveal changes within the Chesterton-Porter area. Those who attempt an analogy with cities such as Valparaiso or Portage will miss the basic purpose of this written effort.

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Urban growth has been a characteristic of American cities for nearly a hundred years. Areas such as Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles have grown beyond their boundaries of seventy-five years ago to nearly double in size and population, thereby coining the term metropolis. Considering that the twentieth century has been an important period for city expansion, it is obvious that small-town America has also grown in large proportions, especially when influenced by industry and a large metropolitan area. Chesterton and Porter, Indiana, are part of that small-town America which has felt the influence of industrialization, metropolitan pressures and an influx of population. Each town has made its largest expansion in terms of economic and demographic growth from 1950 to 1975.

The original white settlers in northern Porter County were Joseph Bailly and his family. Arriving in 1822, Bailly developed his homestead northwest of Chesterton which is now preserved within the boundary of the Indiana National Lakeshore. Other settlers began arriving in 1833; the most notable being Jesse Morgan and his family. Besides being a major landowner, Morgan had the distinction of being the first local postmaster at an office called Coffee Creek, which is also the name of a river running north of Chesterton. During the period preceding Morgan's arrival, all of northern Porter County was plagued by many small developing towns from roughly 1830 to 1850.[1]

In late 1849, the Coffee Creek Post Office was renamed Calumet, but due to confusion with a similar name in Illinois, a change was made to Chesterton in the early 1850's. The name of Chesterton became permanent in October of 1869.[2] The present town of Porter was founded several years after Chesterton under the name of Hageman.

The 1850's witnessed the earliest concentration of Swedish immigrants in the area northwest of Chesterton. Their primary occupation was cutting timber for the railroads and local markets. As part of their cultural heritage, these new settlers placed an emphasis on religion and education. In 1857 a Swedish Lutheran church was established near the Bailly homestead. The congregation was later moved to Porter and is now Augsburg Lutheran. Catholics established a congregation in 1857 in Chesterton and also a parochial school in 1869, but later discontinued it when prelates in Fort Wayne could not send a chaplain. [3] Four more churches, Bethlehem Lutheran, Swedish Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, and a German Lutheran (in Porter) were organized between 1861 and 1881.[4]

In terms of educational facilities, the oldest was the Morgan School, located east of Chesterton. Constructed of brick, it served as a one-room school educating local children. The Chesterton schoolhouse (later called Thomas School) was located on the site of the new Westchester Public Library and cost $6,000 when built in 1879.[5] Hageman School in Porter was one of the first brick structures used for education in that town. The new Hageman Library now occupies the site of the old Hageman building. Presently, the educational system for the Chesterton area has incorporated under the name of Duneland School Corporation and encompasses Westchester, Liberty, Jackson, and part of Pine Townships.

Besides immigrants, railroads were an early key to development of this area. Although it received minimal use, the Buffalo and Mississippi was the first line to enter Westchester Township. Another road, the Michigan Southern, was completed through to Chicago in 1852. The Michigan Central tracks came shortly thereafter. Until 1872 Chesterton was the only rail stop between Michigan City and Chicago.[6]

Incorporating a town has always been one of the major factors which conveys a sense of growth and a need to expand services to citizens. Chesterton had the unique distinction of being incorporated twice. The first try came on October 5, 1869, but because of its limited size, tax revenues were small and the town ended with a debt.[7] The second attempt at incorporation succeeded in 1899 when an increase in population and industrial growth warranted such a move. Porter originally incorporated in 1908.

In 1880 the industrial movement in the United States made important inroads to Chesterton. C. O. Hillstrom, founder of an organ factory, began manufacturing his product in 1869 and moved his plant to Chesterton in 1880. Though the plant failed in 1920, during its operating peak in 1892 it employed 125 men.[8] Brickyards were also an important local industry. Clay deposits produced a valuable source of revenue in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Clay in the Chesterton area was of a "blue rubber" variety and was used just as it came from the ground because it lacked impurities such as grit and lime.[9] The first brickyard began in 1872, and by 1883 three were in operation. Most of these brickyards were located in or near Porter.

Extolling the virtues of city life was not an uncommon occurrence many years ago. Cultural attractions, better employment and finer housing were all incentives to attract Americans to the city. This spirit of promoting urban benefits over rural areas has been termed "boosterism" by several American historians. The booster spirit was very prevalent in Chesterton during the late nineteenth century, since this area was destined to become a major city aligned with Chicago. The Chesterton *Tribune* (originally beginning publication in October of 1882) became noted for its boosterism under Arthur Bowser during his editorship in the 1890's. Chicago investors were seriously interested in Chesterton as a site for land speculation. A group of Chicago real estate men attempted to promote investment in the local area

around 1892 and went so far as to plat land and streets for the new development. As a stimulus for sale, prospective buyers rode trains out from the city to examine a purchase. A Chicago investment company was supposed to enter Chesterton, erect a water works, electrical plant, and an opera house as part of the new development. The investment company, however, was forced into bankruptcy in 1895 and the proposed development scheme never materialized.[10]

National economic trends played an important role in the area during 1893. The depression of that year was a major factor which hindered community expansion. Although several factories such as a chair maker, an enameling paint firm, and a feather bone company, which made articles for petticoats and shirt collars, came to Chesterton or Porter after 1892, neither town was to see a substantial growth period until the 1950's. At that time steel would spur urban growth. Even so, many people considered the late nineteenth century as this area's most prosperous era since a second incorporation of Chesterton took place in 1899. However, Louis Menke, a local historian, has suggested that the reasons for a second incorporation were not entirely economic by any means:

> The area was becoming lawless and unsafe for Chesterton's cititens. The dunes were a haven for criminals from the Chicago area. County peace officers were not able to keep order. Fights were frequent. Chesterton had a celebrated gun fight in 1884 in a saloon where Flannery's is now located. It took place between several local merchants and a telegraph construction gang. In 1892 the Wabash railroad workers came to town one Saturday night and fought with townspeople, in the downtown area, until J. B. Lundberg quelled the disturbance when he shouted: "Stop in the name of the Law."[11]

Steel has made a tremendous inpact economically on northwest Indiana by making this region one of the leading industrial centers within the United States. The resurgence of Chesterton and Porter as a prosperous economic area was being planned in the late 1920's. In 1930, National Steel Corporation announced their construction plans for a new mill northwest of the Chesterton area. The property had been purchased in 1929 and one unique provision to their mill was a paternalistic approach to factory housing by developing a townsite to house mill workers.[12] These plans were dropped due to the Great Depression, and the land remained idle until August 18, 1959, when ground for Midwest Steel was broken. This new mill was brought into existence as an attempt to strengthen National's position in the competitive Midwest market between Chicago, Indianapolis and Detroit, which came to be known as "the golden triangle." To enhance the acceptance of Midwest Steel to the community, residents of Portage Township voted in the summer of 1959 to incorporate, thus creating the present-day city of Portage.[13] As of 1975, a finishing mill has been constructed on the Midwest site. Expansion to a fully integrated steel plant was announced during February, 1975, when the company stated: "The program will be the largest single undertaking in the history of National Steel."[14] This new expansion is designed to support yearly steel production of 2.3 million tons.

The steel industry continued its expansion in the Chesterton area when, in 1962, Bethlehem Steel announced their intention of building a new steel plant along the lakeshore, within Westchester Township. Temporary building costs were put at $250,000,000, and 4,500 acres of land was to be included at the new site.[15] Bethlehem also evinced an interest in "the golden triangle." Market studies indicated a growing need for steel in the Midwest and the company wished to capture part of that market just as National hoped to do. This mill now sits adjacent to the Port of Indiana and the Dunes National Lakeshore. Today, Bethlehem is a fully integrated steel mill, employing 7,000 workers and has an annual payroll of $100,000,000.[16]

Just as industrial growth increases, a series of factors tend to accompany the process. Events such as an expanding population, rising financial investments, increased taxes, and larger town budgets indicate that specific localities are experiencing changes.

Census figures reveal that in 1900 Chesterton's population reached a total of 788. The 1950 census indicated 3,175 inhabitants with an increase to 4,335 in 1960.[17] Official figures for 1970 show a population level at 6,177, which is nearly double from twenty years previous.[18] Another census characteristic is an increase for the number of households in Chesterton. Between 1950 and 1960 there was a 35.9 percent increase, while the difference from 1960 to 1970 expressed a rise of 48.3 percent.[19] Porter has shown an even more remarkable trend for population growth by listing 1,458 people in 1950. By 1960, the number of inhabitants had risen to 2,189, and finally 3,058 in 1970, thereby doubling its population in twenty years.[20] Figures for the number of households in Porter are not available in census reports.

Another barometer of economic growth is reflected through bank assets. The Chesterton area has two full service banks and one savings-loan association. The oldest financial institution, Chesterton State Bank, placed its assets at $89,279.23 in 1900.[21] By 1950 total funds had reached $2,872,731.68 according to Federal Reserve Reports. A continuous upward trend throughout the next twenty-five years brought assets to $43,725,324.98.[22] A good portion of these increases are reflective of branch banking which is used by the Chesterton State Bank. Similarly, the First State Bank of Porter has achieved a striking expansion. Organized in 1920, the bank had accumulated assets totalling $2,014,187.52 over a thirty-year period. By 1975 assets peaked at $18,895,921.52.[23] A third area of financial expansion is shown through the Northern Indiana Savings Association, formerly the Chesterton Rural Loan. In 1950, assets were listed at $1,102,160.68, and increasing to a high of $17,124,694.00 by 1975.[24] Extensive increases for first mortgage loans are evident (a five-fold jump) between 1955 and 1975 at Northern Indiana Savings. On the other hand, both full service banks indicate a substantial rise in the number of loans and a significant increase of savings deposits for individuals, partnerships

and corporations under the liabilities column during the last twenty-five years.

Rising financial investments are only one indication of internal expansion. The last twenty-five years have witnessed a marked increase of taxes: the price paid for city services. A distinction must be made in terms of corporate rates—for the daily operation of a town—as opposed to the general township levy, which includes state, county, and township taxes. Porter's corporate tax was $1.84 per one hundred dollars valuation in 1950. By 1970, the corporate levy had reached $3.88, while taxes payable in 1975 are set at $3.87. In 1950 the corporate rate for Chesterton was $1.50 per one hundred dollars valuation. The 1970 levy rose to $3.05, and taxes payable in 1975 show a rate of $3.78. These tax levies have been frozen by the state and extra money which is needed to run a town must be gained from state government or federal revenue sharing.[25]

Town budget expenditures have followed a similar rise, but on a much larger scale. Total disbursements from Porter's town budget were approximately $35,550.00 in 1950. The 1960 figure more than d o u b l e d to $75,518.00, and for 1975 the town is operating under an estimated budget of $329,499.00.[26] Significant increases in Chesterton's expenditures are shown by a total of $61,271.00 during 1950, as compared with an approximate amount of $216,000.00 in 1960. The estimated operational budget for 1975 is nearly one million dollars. [27] These increases are all reflective of rising costs in city services, such as police, streets, and park funds. Chesterton had to incur extra debt when the town accepted control of a privately-owned water utility in 1957 costing $171,000.00. Besides the water works, a new town hall was constructed to house governmental offices in 1961, and a year later Chesterton built new sewage treatment facilities which amounted to $600,000.00 in added expenses.[28] Since Porter purchases several utility services from Chesterton, their expenses have kept pace with her sister community.

By far one of the significant developments of Chesterton's growth was establishment of a zoning commission during 1950. In a letter dated January 6, 1950, a zoning committee recommended the following to the town board:

> 1) Zoning is not only desirable but necessary if Chesterton is to avoid future undesirable development damaging to property values and general community well being. The fact that Chesterton is subject to serious railroad, industrial and resort influences contribute to the need for zoning.
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> 2) Zoning will damage none of Chesterton's citizens. Presently established land uses could be continued in the more restricted zones. Existing residences in the less restricted zones would not be exposed to any unfavorable influences to which they are not already exposed.
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> 3) Zoning will encourage community development by assuring protection to property, by easing the problem of getting approval of properties for loan purposes and by assuring the continued desirability of the community.[29]

After the proposal of these recommendations, a town planning commission was established with seven local residents on its board. Drawing up a zoning ordinance was the first order of business. The acceptance of a zoning commission for Chesterton was a landmark decision in the history of the town. Future growth has been brought under control and potential land use for residential as well as commercial enterprises should be more favorable. Porter followed the lead of its sister town by beginning a serious organizational move towards a master plan in January, 1950. With any attempt at zoning, Porter would have to consider the question of industrial areas versus a suburban or resort community.

As was previously stated, the Chesterton area has experienced economic and demographic growth in several ways during the last quarter century. This expansion, however, has not been without controversy or ecological concern which typically appears once an area takes on a somewhat urban character. At the same time steel mills were entering the northwest regions of Porter County, so, too, was a raging controversy between industrialists and conservationists which continues to this day. The major argument between these factions has been the preservation of sand dunes and beach area along Lake Michigan's southern shore. A state park was created directly north of Chesterton in 1927 which contained 2,210 acres and had a purchase price of about one million dollars.[30] The Chesterton *Tribune* commented on the purchase by stating: "Twenty years ago this land could have been bought for $10.00 to $20.00 an acre, but today the state is compelled to pay from $250.00 to $465.00, an average of something like $350.00."[31] The first attempt at creating a national park for the Indiana Dunes surfaced in 1917 under a federal proposal, but Congress never appropriated the money. Conservationists became even more concerned about the dunes during 1923, because U.S. Highway 12 was put through in that year connecting Detroit with Chicago. As historian Powell A. Moore pointed out, most of the opposition to a national park early in this century came from local interests in the county. These people believed that Porter County would be deprived of its industrial development and tax revenues.[32]

By 1966 conservationists and industrialists were given some satisfaction on their varying positions through a National Lakeshore Bill signed by President Lyndon Johnson in order to protect the Indiana Dunes. The steel industry was allowed to retain its present property, but other forms of industry were prohibited from moving east along the shore of Lake Michigan. Land purchased by the federal government on all sides of the industrial area has provided an effective buffer for the Indiana Dunes State Park, as well as a national lakeshore preserve. To date, controversy surrounding the dunes and industrial development has not quelled. Some naturalists wish park boundaries to be expanded south, while others prefer the present lines of development. Included in the

new expansionist controversy is an attempt by Northern Indiana Public Service Company to construct a nuclear power plant near Bethlehem Steel. Issues have developed on the nuclear proposal concerning energy needs as opposed to a nuclear accident with catastrophic consequences locally. The entire dispute actually demonstrates a classic case of conservationists versus industry, which may truly reflect a national trend concerning the preservation of natural areas.

Even though a true compromise has not been reached over steel and sand, a growing trend towards political unity between Porter and Chesterton arose in 1966. Ideas for merging the two entities were by no means recent, and many new residents to the area have wondered why it has never occurred. The first attempt came on December 6, 1958 and met with a sizeable defeat from citizens in both towns, even though suggestions of merger had been surfacing for nearly fifty years. A general interest for unification began to escalate by the mid-1960's, creating pressures for a referendum on combining Porter and Chesterton. Pervasive in the air was a predominant fear that Portage would annex Bethlehem Steel's property and deny a valuable source of revenue to Westchester Township.

In order to stimulate progress on the unification, town officials from Chesterton and Porter formulated a joint resolution during a meeting which called for assumption of all assets and liabilities from both towns, foundation of seven wards for political representation, and dubbing the newly incorporated area Westchester. Town officials also proposed that officials for this new area would be elected in November, 1967.[33]

Those strongly favoring unification formed a group—The Citizens Committee for the Merger—led by Alvin Hokanson to carry forth positive arguments. Their main contention was that both towns were together economically and socially, so political union was the next logical step. Besides, duplication of city services could be eliminated and Portage might annex Bethlehem. Editorially, the *Tribune* wrote in favor of unification with a series of statements outlining all arguments, but placing emphasis on positive aspects. Symbolic of a strong feeling in September, 1966 was the following idea from a *Tribune* editorial:

> Through this unity would come a strength which would put the new town in a better position to combat encroachments from neighboring towns and put the residents living here now in a better position to control the destiny of this community rather than be the battleground of a power struggle among Portage, Michigan City, Valparaiso, and Gary.[34]

The opposition, however, steadfastly believed that uniting both towns would increase taxes, place an excessive financial strain on the newly incorporated area and spoil an inherent small-town atmosphere. On September 7, the Porter Town Board released a statement citing six reasons why a merger should not take place. Even though only four of the five board members signed, they reiterated many of the previously-mentioned arguments, including a new one:

> Another argument given equal circulation is that Bethlehem Steel will be a part of the merged corporation. This is not true, as Bethlehem officials have repeatedly stated they do not want to be in an incorporated area.[35]

A true curiosity of this unification controversy was Bethlehem's actual position. According to company spokesman Robert Ziegler: "There was no official statement from Bethlehem concerning this merger." The reason for this stance centers on the belief by some steel executives that a polarization would result in both communities if the company became embroiled in a controversy which was essentially a local or internal affair between two towns. Unofficially, however, Bethlehem experienced anxiety over encroachments from Portage and acted on their own once final merger results became known.[36]

A major factor favoring opposition could be found in political representation which allowed Porter only two wards, with Chesterton receiving five. A typically negative attitude on merging was expressed by Thomas Wagner of Porter. Speaking to a local meeting of interested citizens, Wagner speculated that: "Porter can be the new town, the planned town, the 20th century town, uninhibited in its progress by the 19th century commercial philosophy of downtown Chesterton and uncontrolled by those who have vision of industry, but no vision beyond industry."[37]

A series of two public meetings were held in September, 1966 with local residents given a chance to express their views. Each side battled for public attention to state the issues involved. A person or persons unknown circulated unsigned letters against the merger while the committee in favor used a slogan, "United We Stand—Divided We Fall." Seemingly, the Wagner statement and *Tribune* editorial exhibit a paranoia within Westchester Township. Some residents were truly concerned over Portage annexations as opposed to those motivated by a desire for Porter to develop without decimating its potential. Both forces generated an emotional spirit which may have been unavoidable when the entire picture is considered. Final culmination of all arguments came with a special election held on September 13 in each town hall. The issue of unification was defeated by 23 votes in Porter. This election was a marked contrast from an earlier attempt in 1958 when the proposal was defeated overwhelmingly by both towns.[38]

During August and September residents of Westport (present-day Burns Harbor) were discussing their own incorporation. For the most part, these citizens wished to be free of Portage. When Porter and Chesterton refused unification, Bethlehem Steel assumed a more defensive role on September 14 by offering Westport 400 acres of land for incorporation within its limits to secure a western boundary for Westport and the company. The steel firm went a step further by agreeing to underwrite town budgets for several years until tax revenues could be accumulated for fiscal solvency. One stipulation, however, allowed Bethlehem a power of review on town budgets during this period of financial support.[39]

When news of the Westport deal surfaced, citizens from Porter and Chesterton began circulating new peti-

tions on holding a second merger vote in late 1966. This time the petition movement began in Porter and volunteers circulated through each town attempting to gain signatures from ten percent of the voters. Several legal questions arose over various issues. One concerned the propriety of petitions as opposed to a joint resolution from each town board. A second on whether an actual ten percent of the voters had signed petitions. Finally, the legality of a petition which held for the assumption of town debts came under close scrutiny. Most of these legal points centered on a state election law passed in 1921.

Resolution of these legal entanglements was sought through the Indiana Attorney General, but he refused to intervene, claiming "state law did not require his office to settle a local problem."[40] Porter officials then declined to hold a second election. Those favoring the new referendum were stunned and took legal action in the Porter County Superior Court. Judge Russell Nixon ordered a new election held since he believed the 1921 law covering election petitions had not been repealed and subsequent laws did cover this area. Porter officials had concluded otherwise. A new election was held on December 27, 1966 and failed again when 63 votes in Porter denied a mandate.[41] The net results of this failure to unite were twofold: first, the creation of Burns Harbor as a town was hastened. On the other hand, this whole matter of annexation became a corporate one when Bethlehem Steel intervened on its own behalf by choosing between taxes for a newly-created town as opposed to the tariffs of an established city.

Whether Porter and Chesterton unite is a topic which may actually defy prediction. In a sense, the destiny of northern Porter County was determined nearly fifty years ago when National Steel decided to locate in this area. By 1962 Bethlehem Steel helped accentuate the decision that this locality would receive an industrial trademark. Obtaining perspectives on urban expansion though, is essential for an understanding of this development.

Historically, the reasons for urban growth may differ depending upon the locality. In that same vein, however, there are several acknowledged factors which permit or hasten urban migrations from cities.[42] Improvements in transportation make downtown areas more accessible than ever before. Porter County lies in a region that has four U. S. highways, two interstate roads, one tollway and a series of extensive rail lines which allow for swift access to Chicago and points west. Rapid increases in automobile ownership have allowed individuals to live away from the city and commute to work on improved thoroughfares. Production methods in many industries now require spacious single-story plants. Consequently, many firms seeking expansion decide to choose vacant tracts of land for relatively cheaper prices as opposed to property within the central city. Surely a prime consideration for steel locating in northern Porter County was the availability of unoccupied terrain. It was much easier to drain swamps, level sand dunes and locate near a lake for cheaper surface transportation than attempt a construction project in Chicago or Gary. Still another area of change has been the advancement of computer technology which allows easy mobilization of data from one locality to another. Corporate headquarters now may be in a city, while a plant sits miles away. A final measure of diversity is that an urban middle class has been created as families move from cities to suburbs.

Each of these dimensions help to illustrate that the development of this area in terms of urban growth and industry is certainly just beginning. As this century progresses, the changes which have transformed a rural town into a community with potential city status shall continue. The beneficial and harmful nature of these alterations will be the contemplation of future historians.

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[37]Chesterton *Tribune,* September 8, 1966.

[38]Chesterton *Tribune,* September 14, 1966. Voting results were as follows: 1,209 votes in Chesterton supporting the merger with 265 against. Porter had 464 votes against merging while 441 favored it.

[39]Chesterton *Tribune,* September 14 ,1966.

[40]Chesterton *Tribune,* October 11, 1966.

[41]Chesterton *Tribune,* November 17, 1966, November 23, 1966, and December 28, 1966. Fall election results indicated 409 votes for unification with 472 against in Porter. Chesterton residents voted 785 for, while 170 voted no.

[42]For an extensive analysis of these areas see: John F. Kain, "The Distribution and Movements of Jobs and Industry," in *The Metropolitan Enigma,* ed. by James Q. Wilson (Garden City, New York: Anchor Books, 1970), pp. 1-12.

HISTORY OF HEBRON AND BOONE TOWNSHIP

The first history of Boone Township and Hebron was written in conjunction with the celebration of the Centennal of Porter County, 1836-1936.

This second volume was written in conjunction with the celebration of the Bicentennial of our nation. This history is a continuation of the first volume and covers the period 1936-1976. The history was written by citizens of the township and compiled by members of the 1975 Hebron National Honor Society.

The 1936 history of the town of Hebron describes it as follows:

> At the present, Hebron is a comfortable town of 690 persons. State highways, numbers 152, 2 and 8, good bus service, and the Pennsylvania Railroad make easy communication in any direction . . . There are about thirty-five business houses of the local proprietor type in town. These include lumber yards, bank, filling stations and garages, bakery, grocery and general merchandise stores, drug stores, eating houses and hotel, coal and feed yards, blacksmith shop, plumbing establishment, hardware store, newspaper, one saloon, theatre and other concerns.

According to the 1960 census Herbon had a population of 1,401, in 1970 a population of 1,624, and in 1980 it has a projected population of 1,800. The 1970

population for the entire township is 3000. The area within the city consists of one and one half square miles with ten miles of paved roads. According to a 1973 report the town had 650 houses of which ninety percent were occupied by the owners. The town now has four apartment buildings and one motel. The highways through the town have remained the same offering good transportation and now easy accessibility to I-65. The rail transportation was much better in the 1940's and 1950's. In those days the "locals" came in each day, one from Chicago and the other from Logansport. Four passenger trains made regular stops, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. The Indiana Motor Bus Company still offers inter-city service.

One of the greatest changes in the community has been the growth of new homes which began after the termination of World War II. The homes were first built in the vacant lots in the older sections of the town and then in the new subdivisions that began to appear. The first of these, started in 1957, adjoined the town on the northwest, was comprised of twenty-two acres, and was called Crest Knoll by its developer, Virgil O. King. It now contains approximately fifty homes. During the same time Fairlane Drive subdivision was opened by Arne Kaldahl in the southwest corner of the town and now contains sixteen homes.

Mr. Lloyd Wiltfang, who started building after World War II, has been instrumental in the developing of several rural areas of Boone Township. At Soward's Corner many homes have been built on land formerly owned by Ray Schuster. Mr. Wiltfang also developed an area off of Highway 53 east on 900 S where he has built thirteen homes facing homes built by Robert Fleener. Mr. Wiltfang is presently working on eighty acres that will hold forty-three homes eventually. This land is located at Keller's north on 375 W.

Other subdivisions added to the town within the last five years include the Ganz addition which joins the old town on the west with forty to fifty homes. The largest of all new housing area is Park Place which joins the town on the north. It is to eventually contain four hundred homes. The water and sewer systems have already been installed, and so far twenty-five homes have been completed. Future expansion calls for this subdivision to also include areas east of the old town limits and south to Highway 8 at Cobbs Creek Bridge.

The business section of Hebron has also changed somewhat since 1936. Many new businesses have been added making a total of almost eighty now in operation in the town and township. In the 1936 history it states that most of the businesses were of local proprietor type and run by one or two persons. This has changed as more and more people are being hired to work in local firms. For example, the Porter County Herald now employs sixteen people; Burrell Colour, Inc. over fifty; Alyeas Garage, twelve; and Patz Supermarket, twenty-four.

A list of businesses and pertinent information about each follows. It is interesting to note here that almost thirty percent of the present businesses in the town and township have been established since 1970.

HEBRON TOWN GOVERNMENT

The first attempt to incorporate the town of Hebron was in the year 1874. This was followed by two other unsuccessful attempts, and it was not until 1886 that the town was incorporated. The venture started with a census which was taken by Aaron W. Fehrman on August 1, 1886, and subsequently a petition was signed by seventy-four residents and filed with the county commissioners asking for incorparation. An election was held on October 2, 1886, and a majority of the voters expressed themselves in favor of incorporation.

The local governmental body for the Town of Hebron, Porter County, Indiana, is a Town Board of Trustees and a Clerk-treasurer. The Town Board of Trustees is composed of three members, one each elected from one of the three wards within the town limits of Hebron. The clerk-treasurer is elected at large.

Being a town rather than a city, nominations for these offices are not made by a primary election, but rather by a town political caucus. Prior to the end of August, each political party wishing to have a slate of candidates must hold a caucus with a minimum of twenty voters present. The caucus then elects a party committee composed of officers for the town election and nominates candidates for the four elected posts. These elections and nominations must then be certified to the Town Election Board which is composed of the clerk-treasurer and one person from each of the two major political parties. The Town Election Board then causes the ballots to be prepared and supervises the election process and certifies the results. In recent years town elections have been held each four years with the two major political parties each having a slate of candidates. At one time during the past forty years, however, there was a citizens ticket composed of both Democrats and Republicans. There was also a period of time during which no elections were held because if citizens did not request an election through the Town Board, it was not required that one be held.

The Town Trustees are the managers of the town government, making decisions pertaining to local governmental functions, street repairs, lighting, drainage, police protection, adopting town laws, governinng the water and sewer departments, hiring town employees, approving the annexations to the town, purchasing additional town properties, and most recently, approving rezoning within the town.

The Town Clerk-treasurer is as the name implies, the town secretary and bookkeeper. It is the Clerk-treasurer's duty to see to the record keeping of the town, minutes, ordinances and resolutions, and to see to the bookkeeping of the various town funds and appropriations. The Clerk-treasurer has no vote on policy decisions, except in the case of a tie vote among the Trustees, which can only happen in the case of a Trustee being absent.

Although the Town Board of Trustees is generally considered to have full powers to govern the town, it is restricted by a multitude of laws of the State pertaining to the use of funds, the giving of notice to taxpayers by legal publication, supervision of various state agencies, and, most recently, frozen tax rates.

At the present, the members of the Board are Paul Stalbaum, Wayne Fry, James Spurr, and Marcella Mason, clerk-treasurer. Each member receives a stipend of $240 a year. Charles Stineburg, a board appointee, serves in three capacities. He receives $4,800 each for being superintendent of water and sewer and $2460 as superintendent of streets. For many years Cyril Fickle served as street commissioner; but with his retirement in 1974, his job was awarded to Vernon Burns, who receives $3.25 an hour. Mr. Walter Knopf reads the water meters and is pair forty cents per meter read. Mrs. Catherine DeFries is the deputy water and sewer clerk and works in the Police Department office building which is located by the water tower. Her office is open Monday through Friday. 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Another branch of the town government is the Hebron Plan Commission, which is governed by the Zoning ordinance of 1968, and whose members, Robert Deal, Norman Keeling, Charles Sweney, and Hollis Butterworth, are appointed by the town board. This board is responsible for the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience and general welfare. The Town Plan Commission gives careful consideration to the future probable use of land in the area and has prepared a Comprehensive Land Use Plan showing the future development of this area. The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the town hall. The Executive secretary of the group is Albert Stemble, and the building inspector is Erling Kaldahl.

The second branch is the Hebron Board of Zoning which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the town hall. The members are Robert Deal, Mrs. John Anderson, Dick Bell, Hollis Butterworth, and Robert Pierce. The town board also appoints the members of the Police Department; Max Hessling is the Town Marshall, assisted by Jon Rosenbaum, Deputy Marshall.

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1935-1975

1935: Leland K. Buchanan
Glenn C. Norton
Guy H. Albertson
1936: Leland K. Buchanan
Glenn C. Norton
Guy H. Albertson
1946: Bruce Douglas replaced Guy H. Albertson who resigned
1948: Roland Thompson
Noble Aylesworth
Maurice Wilson
1956: George Timson
Herbert Rosenthal
Wayne Fry
1958: Maurice Wilson appointed to replace George Timson who resigned
1959: John H. Evans appointed to replace Maurice Wilson who resigned
1960: Dave Parent appointed to replace Herbert Rosenthal who died.
1963: Edward Klemz appointed to replace John H. Evans who resigned
1964: Edward Klemz
Russell Shrider
Robert McIntire
1968: Noble H. Aylesworth
Robert Nethery
Arne Kaldahl
1972: Wayne Fry
James Spurr
Paul Stalbaum
1976: To be determined by election of 1975

CLERK-TREASURERS, TOWN OF HEBRON, PORTER COUNTY

1935-1975

1935: Lyell S. Bryant
1935: Ella Henderson appointed to replace Lyell S. Bryant who died
1948: Bruce Rathburn
1955: Elmer Bricker appointed to replace Bruce Rathburn who resigned
1968: Maurice J. Dye
1972: Charles Grube
1972: Marcella June Mason appointed to replace Charles Grube who resigned
1976: To be determined by election of 1975.

HEBRON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hebron Public Library provides library services to the residents of the city of Hebron, Boone Township, and Eagle Creek Township.

From 1941 to 1973, Mrs. Jesse Spindler was the chief librarian. She was also the instigator of "Story Hour" in the early 1940's. This successful program is still scheduled every Wednesday during the month of July.

In January, 1974, her daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Sanders, assumed the administrative duties.

In 1942, the citizens erected a stone memorial inscribed with the following: "Hebron Public Library. Dedicated in 1922. This tablet placed in recognition of donation received from the Carnegie Corporation."

The Hebron Library Board of Trustees consists of five members. The judge of the Circuit Court appoints two representatives from Boone Township, one of them must be a woman; the town board appoints two representatives from Hebron, one of who must be a woman. And finally, the Circuit judges of Porter and Lake Counties together appoint a representative from Eagle Creek Township. The members are appointed for four year staggered terms.

At the present time there are approximately 15,000 books and 90 periodicals in the library. The circulation or items loaned exceeds 25,000.

An important step took place in 1973: the Hebron library became an active participant in the NIALSA (Northern Indiana Area Library Services Authority).

The Jesse Spindler Children's Library Fund has been established to relocate and have a more extensive children's library in the basement of the present building.

ELECTRIC

The modern NIPSCO operation of the 1970's is a far cry from the electrical system found in Hebron just after World War I. It is interesting to note that in 1919 the electrical company was located on Indiana Routes 8 and 231 where the public service company still has a transformer bank. The building was made of hollow, square tiles, covered approximately 2000 square feet, and was easily accessible to rail service which shipped in fuel oil by tank cars directly to the power plant.

The first engine and generator used was a single cylinder Fairbanks Morse 30 H.P. which was driven by a ten inch wide leather belt. The stand-by rig was a 9 H.P. Fairbanks engine and generator. One of the difficult jobs was using a 30 H.P. electrical motor to start a 50 H.P. generating plant, and the young operators became overtaxed with the tedious work of keeping the voltage over 90 and the temperature of the engine under 212 degrees.

Because of a minimum of voltage, street lights were used only from dark until 10 o'clock; and all electrical service was discontinued after midnight. Everyone was notified at 11:50 P.M. by two short cuts in the power that power would be shut off in ten minutes. This "big plant" was run from dark to midnight, and the stand-by rig operated from 6 A.M. to dusk. Because of this rather limited service, electrical power was limited to the incorporated limits of the town; but in 1921 electrical demands grew and a really big plant was shipped in from an abandoned coal mine in southern Illinois. It was a 150 H.P. three cylinder Fairbanks direct connected engine and generator. At this time the franchise was owned by the Monterey Heat, Light and Power Company.

The 150 H.P. was used from early evening till midnight; the 9 H.P. from midnight till early morning; and the 50 H.P. from early morning until evening.

With the addition of electrical service to the towns of Kouts and Boone Grove, the equipment became overtaxed and difficult and expensive to maintain; and finally the Valparaiso Light Company in 1922 bought the franchise. Soon the Valparaiso Company was taken over by the growing Indiana Public Service Company. The chief engineer in Hebron from its beginning to its end was Ed Alyea who retired from NIPSCO in 1959. He was ably assisted by Earl Hiatt who lived across from the plant and who helped operate, maintain, and improve the equipment until his retirement.

During the 1930's all electricity supplied to Hebron, Kouts, and Boone Grove areas was generated in East Chicago. The transmission voltage was 3-phase at 13,200 volts and was transmitted on the line that was built in 1922 or 1923. It is interesting to note that the route of this line is still used today, but the line has been completely rebuilt, is not at the same voltage, nor does it supply the towns it once did. Hebron is now supplied with 69,000 volts at the Hebron substation and can be fed from either the Malden Substation or Liberty Park Substation at Crown Point. The Malden and Liberty Park Stations are supplied with 138,000 volts from other stations interconnected to other generating stations. This system of interconnection provides more flexibility and continunity of electric service than a system with just one source.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

As far back at 1890, number 10 wide was strung for telephone service from DeMotte to Hebron, and in 1901 Mr. John Ross built the first telephone exchange in Hebron across from the Hebron Hotel.

The telephone exchange changed hands and locations several times; and in the fall of 1934, after it had been repurchased by J. F. Bruner, the exchange was moved to quarters in the James Morrow property on South Main Street (this is the present home of the Raymond Cassidys).

On January 1, 1939, the exchange was purchased by George Mussman and his son Robert Mussman; and in 1944 they purchased the DeMotte-Roselawn Telephone Company which became known as the Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company, were operated separately until 1952 when they were merged into the Northwestern Telephone Company, Incorporated.

In 1955 the business was moved to a modern building erected on Washington Street, the present site. The preliminary planning for this move, which converted the system from the antiquated switchboard to a modern board system, began in January of 1952. The business office did not move until May 1, 1955, to the new quarters. The switchboard has a capacity to handle 10,000 lines or about 50,000 telephones in the Hebron and DeMotte areas and has eliminated all local operators. Long distance is handled by Crown Point and Valparaiso.

In 1970, with the addition of a modern, unattended switching office built in the Lakes of the Four Seasons, the Hebron telephone exchange was divided into two separate exchanges; the North—which includes the Lakes of the Four Seasons, and the Hebron—which includes the town and was not changed.

Future plans include a new building which is to be erected next to the present office on Washington Street. This structure will include general offices, headquarters, and equipment center.

Mr. Robert Mussman, whose company provides telephone service to 6200 subscribers, has served as president of the Indiana Telephone Association and as president of the Protection and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies.

HEBRON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the early history of the township, firefighting was done with an old chemical cart which was propelled to the scene of the fire by the willing and brawny members of the volunteer fire department. In 1915 the department went modern and purchased its first self-propelled piece of equipment, a Ford fire truck complete with hose and chemical tank. Today the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, boasts the following equipment: a 1972 Dodge Grass truck (200 gallons); a 1968 American LaFrance pumper rated 1000 gallons per minute; a 1958 Chevrolet tanker with a 1450 gallon capacity; and

a 1923 Ford Chemical truck, an antique used for parades. The grass buggy was bought by the firemen who raised the funds by various drives and public donations. The fire department is funded by the town of Hebron and Boone Township; and it carries on a mutual aid agreement with Porter, Pleasant, and Keener Townships and has a contract to furnish fire services to portions of Winfield and Eagle Creek Townships.

In 1936 Charles B. Lightfoot was the chief of the department with Monte Morrow as assistant. Lightfoot retired on June 1, 1941; and Monte Morrow was elected chief and served until his retirement in 1957. He was followed by Charles Stineberg; and in 1972, Donald Fry took over and is still serving with Leland K. Buchanan as his assistant.

For many years the firemen were alerted solely by means of the first siren located on top of the station, but in 1960 a telephone system in the homes of the firemen was installed. When the services of the men are needed, a citizen merely calls the fire number and is automatically connected with eighteen fire phones. This system in 1975 was further updated by "incoders" which are portable one-way radios carried on the person. They were paid for by donations.

The present roster of firemen is as follows: Donald Fry, Leland Buchanan, Harold Schroeder, James Douglas, Edward Klemz, Russell Franzman, Thomas Alyea, Robert McIntire, Allen Stembel, Dave Wilson, Richard Bell, Charles E. Stineberg, Gene Garvey, Russell Shrider, Leroy Urbas, Ron Patz, Kenneth Patz, Richard Johnson, Leonard Eiler, and Charles Osby. The department is a member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

All fire equipment is housed in the town hall which was built in 1955 and is located just off Sigler Street next to the water pumping station.

HEBRON POST OFFICE

Although there have been many changes in the Hebron Post Office, one thing has remained the same during the last forty years, and that is that the Star trucks are still bringing the mail twice daily to Gary where it is worked or flown to O'Hare or trucked to surrounding towns. Starting January 1975, the Hebron postmark was not on all mail leaving town. Mail deposited late in the day is sent to Gary uncancelled. There it is cancelled and sorted on LSM letter sorting machines, which were put into operation in 1974. These changes have come about since the Postal Department became a private business.

Until 1963 a train catch-it pouch was used to transfer mail eastward in the early afternoon. Local men contracted for this job of hanging the pouch at the depot and receiving a throw-off pouch from the Chicago, Richmond, and Cincinnati train 71. George Carr and James McLuckies held this job over the eight years of service.

The Hebron Post Office has occupied the same building since 1921. This building is now owned by Earl Osby Jr., who bought the building in 1971 from the Knights of Pythias Lodge. The office has been remodeled making a smaller lobby and larger working area. In the 1960's natural gas heat had replaced coal, and since then air-conditioning has been installed.

The Hebron Postmasters have been:

1921—39 . . . Victor Gidley
1939—41 . . . Ella Henderson—Acting Postmistress
1941—47 . . . Grover Wilson
1947—49 . . . Alden Blood—Acting Postmaster
1949—68 . . . Oliver Weddle
1968—70 . . . Kenneth Antrim—Clerk-in-Charge
1970— . . . Kathryn Wiltfang

The routes have expanded greatly since 1937. Route #1 was 55.60 miles and by 1974 encompassed 89 miles. Route #2 grew from 46.67 miles in 1937 to 78 miles in 1974. The Post Office services 4,516 people according to the 1974 count. Add to this the hundreds of new homes built in this area, Apple Valley Trailer Park, and Gas-Lite Mobile Park.

MUNICIPAL WATER

The Hebron Water Company, which was formed in January of 1914 by George Riley, J. R. Wilson, and Olo E. Nichols, adequately met the needs of the community for many years. In the 1930's very few changes in the water system were recorded. In 1932 copper tubing was used for the first time for service lines between water mains and house connections, and in 1934 the local town board authorized the drilling of a new well in the public square at the present site of the Methodist Church and Scout cabin. This second well, although never an abundant producer, did improve the water supply as it was alternated every other week with the first well.

But the most outstanding feature of the water system was the relatively inexpensive water rates. Meters were checked on a quarterly basis, and the average bill in 1936 was $1.50 per quarter or fifty cents per month. At this time, homes were still using archaic water facilities; a cold water tap at the kitchen sink, very few appliances for heating water, no indoor water closets, and no tubs with hot and cold water.

As the community began to feel the first signs of prosperity since the depression, new water-consuming devices were installed in existing homes; and, consequently, new demands were made on the local water system. The two 30,000 horizontal pressure tanks installed in 1914 were causing great dissatisfaction among customers who complained about hard water and high iron content.

But, as it is with many public facilities, much talk and many years were needed to bring improvements; and these improvements would have been virtually impossible without an influx of new money gained either by direct taxation or by bond issue, because the revenue from the existing water sales at the regular rate set by the ICC did little more than pay existing operating and maintenance expenses. Thus, in the 1940's the water rate was raised to $1.50 per month, and a status quo was maintained with very little improvement in the 1950's with the exception of a few hundred feet of new water mains and a few new fire hydrants being installed.

In 1962 a progressive town board, consisting of Wayne Fry, Dave Parent, and Jack Evans, contacted an engineer, R. J. Noble, and the water improvement plan became a reality with blue prints drawn up and the board ready to open the bids on the project.

This board was also aware of another problem which first became evident in 1958: the septic tanks and antiquated tile pipes carrying off water were not adequate. Conservationists noted the extinction of minnows in the streams and that wild life and cattle would no longer drink from these areas affected by the town pollution.

But water for the people was of paramount priority; and so a new water plant with clorination for protection, filters for iron removal, softeners for exchanging sodium for calcium, another well, a one hundred thousand gallon storage tank, hundreds of feet of new water mains, and replacement of old minimum-size street pipes were just a few of the initial improvements which were implemented by contracts with Cole Engineers, Boyd Construction Company, and Knapp Construction Company. These companies provided a more than efficient job which cost $200,000 to be raised by a thirty year bond issue. These water mains were completed and were operating in the fall of 1962, and to this day have caused a minimum of problems.

The board now faced the sewer problem; and in 1969, after much discussion and numerous mandates from the Indiana State Board of Health, the new sewage system, which consisted of nine miles of eight, ten, twelve, and fifteen inch sewers, was laid in town streets and alleys. Due to terrain condition it was necessary to install lift or pumping stations at two points: one at Highway 231 at the south city limits and the other in Frame's Subdivision on West Sigler Street. These pumping stations augmented considerably the cost which was borne by a twenty-seven year bond issue of $545,000 and Federal and State grants for major portions of the job. Sewers, manholes, and lift stations added up to $260,000, and the plant and site areas brought the total cost to a three-quarters of a million dollar bracket. The first connection permit was issued to John Gray of Frame's Subdivision on October 10, 1970.

The present treatment plant consists of two clarifier digesters of twenty-six feet diameter, one forty-four foot trickling filter, one thirty-nine foot final clarifier, and one clorination tank. This plant is located on approximately eight acres located south of the Penn Central R.R. on Cobbs Creek. The projected capacity of the plant is 325,000 G.F.D., and there soon will be the necessity to add a third stage treatment tank to up-date this figure. Today the cost of cleaning used water in the Hebron area is three times the cost of producing it from a clean, natural source.

PORTER COUNTY HERALD

Hebron's paper, which was first published in 1878 and had the title of the NEWS PRESS, has been published under different names. Since 1900 there have appeared the HEBRON NEWS, THE HEBRON HERALD and the present PORTER COUNTY HERALD.

In 1936 the editor of the PORTER COUNTY HERALD was Mr. Martin Tornquist, who in 1941 built the modern building on Main Street and moved the newspaper offices into it. The newspaper is presently housed in this same office building, although in 1952 a large addition was built on the east end. Under Mr. Tornquist's editorship there were two part-time employees, Marjorie (Faxon) Riggs, three days a week and George Garver, two days a week. The PORTER COUNTY HERALD was then a four page weekly newspaper with 580 subscribers. Mr. Tornquist also did a small amount of commercial printing.

In early July of 1948, Maurice and Catherine Mason purchased the building and business. Since that time the subscription list has grown to two thousand and the paper consists of twelve to sixteen pages weekly. There are presently nine full-time employees. Mr. and Mrs. Mason both work at the newspaper office; and Russell Franzman, who began work with the newspaper in 1949, has served as manager for twenty-five years. Mr. Mason is editor and publisher.

On July 14, 1950, the management of this newspaper published the first edition of the Kouts Times and has retained ownership of this weekly newspaper. It has a subscription list of more than one thousand and averages ten to twelve pages weekly.

In 1962, the newspaper changed its publication process and became one of the first weekly newspapers in the state of Indiana to start publishing by the offset method of printing. This was a completely different process that required an outlay of a considerable amount of money for the new equipment.

Besides changing the printing process of the newspaper, the owners also added new offset printing presses and related equipment to their commercial printing. They are now able to offer their customers both letterpress and offset printing.

Both newspapers belong to the Hoosier State Press Association, the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association, and the National Newspaper Association. Mr. Mason is a past president of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association and has been an active member of the HSPA.

BOONE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

In 1936 Boone Township students were still occupying a building that had been built in 1914 and was located on Adams Street, the present site of the Dinsmore Apartments. The school building contained eleven classrooms, a combination auditorium and gymnasium, a laboratory, and a shop room. In the spring of that year the state fire commissioner's report called for many improvements which were virtually impossible to carry out. Mr. G. Warreen Phillips, principal of the school said, "The people and the school officials of Boone Township are facing a problem at the present time, which demands careful and thorough thought and planning in light of the school and community needs the the next fifty years."

The first planning began with the acquisition of eleven acres of land in the southeast part of Hebron, the present site of the Boone Township schools. This land, which was acquired in September of 1937 from Dr. R. P. Blood by the township trustee, Harry Williams, cost $2,500. Three acres from the John Wilson estate which faced Main Street were later added to the future building site.

Plans were then consummated for the new school building which was begun on November 15, 1938, and

completed in two hundred and eighty-five days, forty days under the alloted time. The cost of this new school, which was funded as a federal aid project was $172,726; and $77,726 was provided by the Public Works Administration.

The building, first occupied in September of 1939, was described in the local newspaper as having forty-six rooms which would accommodate five hundred pupils. Each room was designed to hold forty-five students and was equipped with the latest tablet-armed chairs. The building was of brick and steel materials that made it virtually fireproof and contained two main entrances, one for grade children and one for high school students.

At that time this was the only school in Indiana to have a complete public address system with the talk-back feature. The general contractor was Olson and Christianson, H. H. Bartels was the electrical contractor, C. I. Botteron was the architect, and plumbing was furnished by the Valparaiso Plumbing Company.

At the completion of this 1939 school building, some citizens felt that the addition was just too large for the needs of he community, but in 1956 the community was again faced with the problem of over-crowding; and the board under the direction of Trustee, Leland K. Buchanan, began to plan for new facilities. In 1959, a new trustee, Russell Franzman, and his advisory board, Mrs. Harry Corwin, Maurice Wilson, and Robert McGinley, began earnestly to carry out these plans for a new grade school building.

The new facility was designed by Warren Holmes Company of Lansing, Michigan, and consisted of six classrooms, kitchen, multi-purpose room, rest rooms, offices, sick room, storage rooms, and boiler room.

The estimated cost was $180,000, and financial arrangements were as follows: $50,000 was taken from the Cumulative Building fund; $70,000 was raised from Boone Township School Building Bonds, and $79,000 was raised by Boone Township School Aid Bonds. The bonds were sold to City Securities Corporation of Indianapolis at four percent interest.

The general contractor was Van Keppel Construction Company of DeMotte; and other contracts were let to Hanlon Electric Company of Cedar Lake and Valparaiso Plumbing. The final cost came to $185,744, including $3,559 in options. The construction of the building be gan on May 12, 1959, with expected occupancy by Christmas; but due to difficulties in obtaining supplies the first three grades did not move in till January of 1960.

Immediately, the township board began planning an addition to this new building. The new wing was to utilize the same boiler room and kitchen. It was to be financed by taxes; a cumulative building fund was then established at $1.25 per $100 assessed valuation. This brought in enough money to pay for the second construction which was started in December, 1962, and consisted of an office, library, bookstore, six classrooms, and rest rooms. This wing was built under the administration of Trustee, Howard Dillabaugh, and Van Keppel Construction Co. of DeMotte was the contractor.

A second wing in September of 1968 was added to the grade building by Trustee Dillabaugh with Keith Reinert of Hobart as Architect. This new wing consists of six classrooms, two special education rooms, rest rooms, and a store room. The general contractor was Moredich Construction Company of Hobart.

The new grade building with its two wings greatly alleviated the over-crowding in the lower grades, but the high school which was still occupying the 1939 building was in dire need of space. Every possible area was being utilized to capacity. A sand crawl space under the auditorium was excavated and the cafeteria moved into this area. The old cafeteria, directly under the present home-ec rooms, was then converted into two classrooms. One English class, due to this lack of classrooms, even met at seven A.M.

Repeated requests were made to the state for permission to build, but all were turned down until word was officially recieved from Mr. Morrison, Division of School House Planning, that on the basis of action taken by the Commission on General Education on November 17, 1971, Superintendent John J. Loughlin, had granted approval of Boone Township School Corporation's request to construct an addition to its present facilities.

A public holding corporation was then formed with Ted Fitzgerald appointed as legal advisor. The architectural firm of Noland and Clark drew up the plans that were accepted by the state on August 16, 1972. The general contractor was Van Keppel Construction with subcontracts going to Beverly Heating, Hobart Pluming, and Town and Country Electrical Company.

The new middle school addition which has doubled the square footage found in the old building is a two story brick structure built on the northeast side of the existing high school. The elementary building is connected to the new facility by a ten foot wide hall, and the old high school is connected by the enlarged gymnasium and hallways.

The new gymnasium has a 1,700 seating capacity and features bleachers that will seat 450 along the north and south sides and balconies along the east and west sides. The new east balcony has folding bleachers that allow maximum use of the balcony area for multipurpose activities. A rifle range, constructed of one-fourth steel plates, has been built on this area. This balcony will also be used for school dances, weight machines, gymnastic equipment, science fairs and other school and commun ity functions.

The new addition is completely air-conditioned and contains a two hour emergency battery-operated lighting system. The floor plan includes choir and band suites; an art complex; a science suite which includes area for biology, laboratories, physical and basic sciences; a business suite which includes an intensive lab area, a typing room, and a basic business classroom; and special classrooms.

The exterior facilities include a blacktop area located on the south side of the school with parking capacity for five hundred cars. Parts of this blacktop area have been made into playground blocks including two full courts which can be used for basketball, tennis, and volleyball. East of the building, the board has purchased ten acres which will be used for an elementary playground

and general recreational area including a third baseball diamond. In the far southeast area of the new land purchase, an outdoor rifle range is now under construction.

This high school addition, which was built under the administration of Trustee Charles Osburn and his advisory board, George Kats, Howard Dillabaugh, and Willis Werner, cost $815,585.00 through a lease holding company and will be paid for at $82,000 per year.

The enrollment of the Boone Township schools has shown a steady growth pattern as shown in the following chart:

YEAR	NO. OF STUDENTS	NO. OF FACULTY
1936	295	11
1946	360	15
1956	487	18
1966	808	34
1974	878	41

The principals of Boone Township Schools have been:
1932 - 1942—G. Warren Phillips
1942 - 1944—M. M. Hague
1944 - 1949—Wayne Eikenberry
1949 - 1951—Raymond F. Tate
1951 - 1954—Thomas MacOwen
1954 - 1968—Myron Knauff
1968 - 1969—Kent Meyers
1969 - —Donald E. Broughton
1964 - —Donald Allison (Elementary Principal)

The trustees have been:
1935 - 1942—Harry Williams
1943 - 1950—Craig Stevens
1951 - 1958—Leland Buchanan
1959 - 1962—Russell Franzman
1963 - 1970—Howard Dillabaugh
1971 - —Charles Osburn

The Boone Township system through the years has earned high scholastic ratings. On October 5, 1940, the superintendent of schools, Mr. M. E. Dinsmore, received word from the State Board of Education that the Hebron School had received a first class commission following its inspection. At that period there were fourteen faculty members in the combination grade and high school, and the state added that it . . . "was a superior building with superior equipment."

This system has also passed all inspections for membership in the North Central Association. A 1975 inspection will be held in October when the school system will again be judged by a seven-man team. In order to prepare for this inspection, the faculty members have been working for over a year organizing special reports such as the following prepared by the Philosophy and Objective Committee which gives a contemporary view of education in the 1970's:

> The philosophy of Hebron High School shall be to educate each student so he may become a worthy citizen capable of making a comfortable living for himself and his dependents. The curriculum will be in agreement with the philosophy of education for the fullest development of the individual towards the American way of life in this modern day society. It will be liberal in scope, flexible in use, and definite in purpose.
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> The pupil's characteristics shall be identified so that his school experience can be adjusted to meet his needs, interests, abilities, ambitions, and aptitudes.
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> The school program shall be organized so that the greatest benefit can be provided to the greatest number from their educational experiences and not to a favored minority.
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> The educational program shall be revised from time to time to keep abreast with out constantly changing society.

CITIZENS BANK

The Hebron Citizens Bank, which first opened for business in September, 1889, as a private bank, has undergone tremendous growth since 1936. The bank was admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve System in 1937 and was given a permanent charter in 1947. Many personnel changes have also occured. During the early 1940's Grover Wilson, Zim Viant, and Robert McGinley replaced directors V. E. Hahn, Leland Bryant, and C. J. Hobbs. At this time Emery Dye was elected president.

In the latter half of the 1940's Louis Alyea, Walter Johnson, and Leland Bryant replaced directors. Also, in 1950 Louis Alyea was elected president when Emery Dye resigned at the close of 1949. During the next five years Franklin Petry and Edith Viant became directors, and William Mullins was employed as assistant cashier, replacing Chester Wiltfang, deceased.

In 1962 the by-laws of the bank were amended to create the office of executive president; and Louis Alyea was elected president; Leland Bryant, vice president; Robert McGinley, executive vice-president; and William Mullins, cashier. Later, in 1966, Mr. Mullins became a director to replace Olo Nichols, deceased.

Again, in 1971, the stockholders voted to amend the by-laws of the bank to change the number of directors from seven to not less than five and not more than nine. Ted Fitzgerald and John H. Bryant were added as directors; William Mullins was elected executive vice president; Robert McGinley remained as vice president; and Suzanne Fickle was elected assistant-cashier. The present board of directors are Louis Alyea, Edith Viant, Franklin Petry, Walter Johnson, Leland Bryant, Robert McGinley, William Mullins, John Bryant, Jr., and Theodore Fitzgerald. Other persons who have served as bank employees during the time period since 1936 are: Laura Fry, Helen Woolridge; Kathryn Wiltfang, Ann Yankauskas, Greta Heckel, Vera Hough, Mary Stiles, Jane Sherman, Nancy Wale, Jeanne Ziese, Pearl Watterworth, Barbara Minicus, Margaret Frey, Lorraine Schuster, Diane Shurr, Walter Shiplov, and Marlene Price. The present employees are Robert McGinley, William Mullins, Suzanne Fickle, Jane Sherman, Helma Skinkle, Nancy Gehlman, Marilyn Burkey, Cynthia Thomas, Richard Thompson, Carol Phillips, and Grace Taylor.

In 1955 the bank was still located on Main and Sigler Streets; and since the building was only twenty feet wide and offered little operating space, the directors purchased the Cross property at the corner of Sigler and

Washington Streets for the purpose of constructing a new bank building. An open house celebrating the completion of the facility was held on May 20, 1956; and a second open house was also held on September of 1956 to celebrate the bank's seventy-five years of continuous service to the Hebron Community.

A pension and profit sharing plan for bank employees was adopted in 1973; and in 1974 a stock split was authorized increasing stock from $50,000 to $200,000, creating 20,000 shares at par value of ten dollars per share. It was also at this time that Louis Alyea was promoted to chairman of the board and Robert McGinley, president.

The bank has been indeed fortunate in being able to remain open and to serve the community continuously for a period of eighty-five years. During the serious depression in the 1930's the depositors remained loyal to the bank and agreed not to make substantial withdrawals. The directors borrowed money from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in order to continue operations, and in 1941 the loan was paid in full.

The bank has not always experienced financial security. In 1908 the expenses of operating the Citizens Bank were $4,046.71, and the net profits were only $299.56. In 1923 the total operating expenses were $13,630.21, and the profits were $5,196.08 and the directors paid out $5,000 in dividends to the stockholders.

The following figures which show the total resources of the bank reflect the progress and growth of the Hebron community:

1909	$ 151,827.18
1918	311,169.90
1935	400,726.68
1945	1,402,875.11
1955	2,182,148.88
1965	5,041,835.32
1974	11,776,834.51

Of course, some of the later increases are due, in part, to the spiraling inflation.

STAGE COACH INN

One of Hebron's historical sites, the Stage Coach Inn, has been restored by Louis Alyea; and its doors were opened to the public on August 6, 1970. Originally this "saltbox" house, which is located on Main Street, was built in 1849 and was used as a stage coach stop. One newspaper account states that the stagecoach run was between Lowell, Hebron, and Valparaiso.

Since that time it has been used as a post office, a residence, a dairy, and a beauty salon. At one time in the early 1930's part of the original structure was cut off to make room for another home.

The preservation of this "saltbox" house was made possible with funds from the pay compensation, and life insurance of Donald Louis Alyea (1925-1944), Mr. Alyea's son. The restored building is now used for meetings of organizations, private receptions, and dinner meetings.

No history would be complete without the description of Hebron's "Christmas Tree," which stood just north of the Stage Coach Inn. It was a huge, shaggy, white pine that had survived a "Jimmycane" or tornado in May of 1917 that had left it mis-shapened. Around 1926 with the advent of electricity, the businessmen began decorating the tree with hand-dipped electric bulbs for the Christmas season. A star of Christmas was designed by a local carpenter and cut from sheet metal. Even conductors of the passenger trains on the "Panhandle R. R." (now the Penn-Central) invited passengers to see the tree. On Christmas Eve, candy, fruit, and nuts were passed out under the tree to the small fry of the town. The tree was destroyed on April 29, 1951, by a severe hurricane-like storm.

CEMETERIES

The Hebron Cemetery, which was established as early as 1837, is located one mile south of the town of Hebron. The first death recorded was that of a young girl, Harriet Dinwiddie. The other cemetery is located three and a half miles east of town on Route 8. The first burial in Cornell Cemetery was Van Kirk Cornell who died on June 21, 1838.

The Hebron Cemetery now consists of fourteen acres. The oldest section is maintained by the tax support of Boone Township, and the remaining sections by a perpetual care fund which is handled by Mr. Robert McGinley and the Citizens Bank of Hebron. Faithful caretakers of the cemetery through the years have been Mr. Lorenzo Norris, Mr. Howard Williamsson, and Mr. Joe Martin.

The Hebron Cemetery is under the supervision of a board of trustees of which Dr. L. K. Buchanan is the president; Mr. Robert McGinley, treasurer; and Mrs. Lois Buchanan, acting-secretary. The Cornell Cemetery is under the auspices of the Boone Township trustee and is supported by property taxes. It is now classified as a "closed" cemetery and is open only to the deceased who have families already buried there.

RECREATION

As in most small hamlets throughout our nation, Hebron has had many old-fashioned activities. The community was so closely knit that even in the early 1940's, it could still enjoy a picnic for the whole town and environs. Such a picnic was held on August 1, 1940, at Lake Eliza. A bus left the bank corner offering free transportation for all who went to enjoy the entertainment of a band concert, swimming, boating, and dancing.

Even the installation of new street lights in 1940 gave cause for a community get-together. It all came about in February of 1940 when the town decided to install new Westinghouse street lights of 400 candle-power. The lights were to be placed 150 feet apart and have reflectors that could be adjusted. The project was finished in August of 1940, and a celebration was held. The Main Street was closed and all traffic rerouted. Mr. George Myers of Valparaiso University sang and gave a short speech after which the lights were turned on.

In 1944 Hebron was planning an appropriate celebration for the centennial of the town. But the war curtailed all thoughts of celebration, and one newspaper wrote the following: "However, the least we can do is bear in mind

that some mighty forward-looking people gave us our chance here. Robert S. Kenny, local poet wrote about the place:

My old home town where I was born
And did most of my livin',
For that old town I'll toot my horn,
My sonnets I'll be givin'.
I'll tell about the folks down there
Who smiled when I was cheerful,
With whom no others can compare,
Who wept when storms were fearful.
My old home town is not so large
As many others 'round us,
But they, real friendship there discharged
And somehow always found us."

During the winter months, the young and the old have enjoyed Bunker Hill, Ross's Pond, Fisher's Pond, and Dog Lake. Here people have gathered for ice-skating, sledding, building fires for warmth, and enjoying hot-chocolate. Fisher's Pond and Dog Lake have also been favorite fishing places for the youth of the area. These favorite haunts are now owned by private citizens and are no longer open to the public.

Gone also is the Hebron Theater which during the 1920's to the 1950's occupied the Masonic Building, the high school auditorium, and the building where the NAPA store is now located on Main Street. This movie theater seated 250 and was operated for many years by Mr. D. Callahan. Also, at one time there was a portable skating rink that was temporarily located east of town on Route 8. Many people also enjoyed the band concerts that were held in Alyea's parking lot or in the drive at the school, or the square dancing that was popular in the old American Legion Hall. Another event that was very popular in Boone Township was the Halloween party that was sponsored each year by the Commercial Club. This was held in a parking lot uptown or in the gym of the school, and sometimes over three hundred youngsters would parade up and down before the judges who awarded prizes for the best costumes.

The best celebration in this community is on the Fourth of July. For many years minor celebrations had been held, but in 1952 all clubs banded together to plan for one large event on the national holiday. It was estimated that in 1974 10,000 people jammed the school grounds to see the fireworks display.

The agenda for the day starts with a parade at ten o'clock up Main Street with as many as eighty entries that are judged and awarded prizes. This is followed on the school grounds with the flag raising ceremony and the turtle derby.

During the afternoon there are kids' rides and games, professional entertainment, helicopter rides, baseball games, and a midway with food stands and game booths. Money raised from this project has been used to buy more equipment for the celebration, to build a large storage shed, to build refreshment stand at the ball park, and to buy equipment for the Boone Township Fire Department.

CHILDS PARK

The original idea of Childs Park came from the Hebron Town Board in 1973. When Mrs. Viva Childs sold her home, this ten acres of wood land were offered for sale separately. The Town Board contacted her to buy it for a park. Her price was $2,000 per acre; or if named after her late husband, Mr. Vernon Childs, as a memorial, the price would be $1,500 per acre. The town did not have the purchase price, but the trustee, Charlie Osburn, suggested that it be purchased with Revenue Sharing money.

Future plans call for a shelter and barbecue pits to be constructed. There will also be a small parking area. The rest of the woods shall be left in the natural state. There will be foot paths and benches for people to just walk, rest, and enjoy nature.

Other organizations which have offered financial assistance are The Fortnightly Club, Lions Club, Jaycees, and the Fourth of July Committee. It will be a park for old and young to enjoy . . . a preservation of one of the few remaining natural areas in our town.

WAR YEARS

At first the war in Europe caused little furor in the community of Hebron, but as the news came in about the Pearl Harbor incident, the town became more and more involved. One of the radio programs, THIS IS LONDON, broadcast by Edward R. Murrow and listened to widely in this area, which told of the city being in flames, of the bombing attacks, and of the thousands homeless, instilled concern in some of the citizens that possibly our home town might be hit. Thus, the Civil Defense and Air Raid Warden programs were initiated. Some of the wardens to serve were Louis Alyea, Grover McClellan, Art Brewer, Glen Norton, Bryan Orr, Charles Hewitt, Jay Banter, Harry Ross, James Burtner, Ross Witters, Dave Rosenthal, Perry Clark, Russel Batty, and Frank Moral. In the township they were Craig Stevens, Neil Buchanan, Charles Berdine, Dewey Anderson, Carl Pfledderer, Glen Martin, Gleen McConkey, Floyd Wahl, Lloyd Asher, and Maurice Aylesworth.

This was one of the good things to come out of the great preparedness program. These persons were strictly volunteer and were trained in first aid and personal and home defense. Actually, more than fifty persons in the Hebron area were involved in the entire program.

Another local group worked continually for many months; this was the Red Cross whose volunteers set up a workshop in the building adjoining the Country Kitchen. This unit was under the supervision of the state and National Red Cross.

During these times, the people began to feel the consequences of the many shortages created by the war. Hardly anything could be purchased that was not rationed. Gasoline rationing was started, tires went off the market, and automobile and truck sales were frozen. After December 7, 1941, overnight the auto-makers stopped their assembly lines of cars and made plans for converting to the production of tanks, gun carriers, and airplanes. New and used cars were no longer available,

and even tires were strictly rationed. Old tires were gathered in the community for their rubber to be reclaimed. The tires made from the reclaimed rubber were of poor quality, and soon a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour was set to conserve gas and tires. The pre-war tires were much in demand, and the federal government took over control of all new tires in the dealers' stock early in 1942. There were eight tire inspectors in Porter County and before a tire could be bought, a need had to be substantiated at one of the places of inspection, then taken to the county rationing office for approval. During one month of the war only eight tires were sold in the entire county. Retreads were also rationed and handled in the same manner.

These shortages of tires, gasoline, and cars caused many transportation problems here. Many women and girls were called upon to work in the war production plants. One such plant that sprang up near LaPorte, about thirty-five miles from Hebron, was the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant which manufactured shells of differing calibre. Separations of families, of course, were caused by boys away from home serving in the armed forces, but lonely periods were also experienced by families working the different shifts at the Kingsbury Plant. For example, one family recalls the father working the day shift and the mother always working the "swing shift." Many people from the Hebron area also worked in the Calumet district making guns, tanks, plates, and parts of hulls. Their transportation was provided by car pools and a bus service that ran from Wheatfield to Gary providing three round trips a day hauling as many as fifty passengers each way.

As in all communities, Hebron was left with a great shortage of man power. Many high school senior boys enlisted a few months before graduating insuring their chances of getting into a branch of their choice. During some periods the labor force of Hebron, encompassing the men between eighteen and forty-five years of age, was cut by seventy percent, due to enlistment and working in the war plants; thus, farmers and small businesses were very short of help.

For example, at one station in town eight of its employees were serving in the armed forces which left the business to be run by two girls and three men (one of whom was seventy-five years of age). But, of course, the station had no stock of new tires, little gasoline, and no new or used cars to sell; and this is when the business began to adopt the one word motto, SERVICE.

The young people still in school also felt the pinch of the war. Certain times were allocated during the school week for the selling of war stamps and contests were held to see which class was the winner. Due to the paper shortage throughout the nation, the class of 1945 was unable to have its yearbook printed by a professional firm, and the students ran their own annual off on the school mimeograph machine.

Even in 1946 the students were still feeling the paper shortage, and were only able to obtain one-fourth of the crepe paper needed to decorate for their prom which was almost called off due to the shortage of coal needed to heat the building and the shortage of electricity.

One of the most difficult jobs from late 1942 until the end of the war was the one performed by Lee Buchanan, our local druggist. At the time he was also the Western Union representative for Boone Township, and this meant it was his task to deliver the telegrams whether their contents were just ordinary business or telegrams starting out, "We regret to inform you that . . . " To see Lee Buchanan going up the street with the familiar yellow paper brought a feeling of despair and dread to the community.

Hebron's greatest sacrifice during the war was the lives of the young men that were given for their country. No history of the town could ever be complete without recording the lives of these courageous heroes.

DONALD L. ALYEA 35896241 Before school was out in 1943 Donald Alyea enlisted in the Army Air Force. He attended school in the Southwest and in Nevada before his squadron was formed in Florida in 1944. He was assigned to the 15th Air Force in Italy in October and was based at Foggio Air base. His squadron was credited for the final raids on oil refineries in Polesti, Rumania. The squadron's final missions were directed at the Eastern front in support of the Russian Armies. Sergeant Alyea was lost on his nineteenth mission which was directed on Munich, Germany, on December 10, 1944. He was officially declared dead on December 11, 1945.

JOHN HALE BATES The Roll of Honor of Purdue University, #3 Archives of Purdue, lists John Hale Bates, as Radioman 2/c. He enlisted in the Navy in April and was assigned to the USS ENTERPRISE in November, 1940. He was missing in action as of June 4. 1942, when a torpedo plane on which he was free gunner and radio operator failed to return to the ENTERPRISE during the Battle of Midway. He was awarded posthumuously the Distinguished Flying Cross.

BYRON E. CASEY, Seaman 2nd Class, 7347114, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Casey. He was killed in action while serving in Pacific theater and was buried at sea. He served on the USS BUNKERHILL. He was a graduate of the class of 1941 of Hebron High School and entered the service in the summer of 1942. The Indiana Archives, Indianapolis, lists his death, "Navy list of casualties, released July 4, 1945, killed in action."

LT. VIRGIL MCALPIN, who was a graduate of the class of 1933 of Hebron High School, died at the age of twenty-eight of wounds of April 11, 1945. He entered the service in April of 1941 and served in the following: South Pacific, Australia, and New Caledonia. In May of 1942 he was made a sergeant, and in September 16, 1942, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. For twenty-seven months he served as an intelligence officer in the Pacific. He contracted malaria and was returned to the United States, and from there in November of 1944 he was sent to Europe. At the time of his death in Europe he was serving with the 317 80th Division.

ROGER DUANE ROSEBERRY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Roseberry, was graduated from Hebron High School in 1963 and from South Bend College of Commerce in 1965. He entered the Army in October of 1965. He then served in Viet Nam from July, 1966, until he was killed in action on March 21, 1967, at the age of 22 and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star

for his valor in action. He was serving with the 25th Infantry Division as a member of the special forces of the Light Infantry Brigade.

FAMOUS PEOPLE

In 1936 edition of this history of the Hebron community includes short biographies of three doctors: Dr. Butman, Dr. Blood, and Dr. Kleinman. Dr. Ling was also listed as the dentist.

Dr. Butman, who came to Hebron and started his practice in 1920, continued until his death at the age of seventy-one in 1951. He also served as president of the Porter County Medical Society in 1950 and 1951.

Dr. Roescoe Blood, who was graduated from Northwestern University in 1906, started his practice in his hometown in 1910. Doctor Blood was also interested in civic affairs, having served on the town board from 1928-1933. He also was credited with purchasing the site of the present Hebron High School building, building the baseball diamond, and forming the Senecas. He was especially noted for the treatment of blood poisoning and infection. He served this community until his death on December 2, 1949.

Dr. Francis J. Kleinman practiced in Boone Township for forty-seven years. Also was a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, he was honored on May 25, 1964, by this medical school for fifty years of service as a medical doctor. He was also honored in October of 1964 by the Indiana State Medical Assn. for his half-century of service. Dr. Kleinman served the community until his death in 1964.

For a short period of time Dr. H. C. Ashmore practiced in Hebron and later moved his office to the Chesterton area. He was followed by Dr. Hyman Cohen, who was a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Medicine. He, along with his wife, Dr. Ellen Cohen, started work in Hebron on July 19, 1954. Dr. Ellen was also a graduate of Illinois University. They left this area to continue their studies at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Dr. Hyman Cohen is now the head of Neuropsychological Clinic of Porter County.

In 1965 Dr. Robert Lee, who now practices in Valparaiso, opened the Hebron Clinic, located south of Hebron on Highway 231. He practiced here part time along with Dr. Charles Griffin. This clinic is now owned by Dr. Chen Sun and is known as the Hebron Clinic, Incorporated. The modern building consists of a waiting room, three examining rooms, a medicine room with some lab facilities, an x-ray room, and a modest emergency room equipped for minor cases. Dr. Sun, who is a native of China, received his education from St. John's Medical School in Shanghai in 1946. Dr. Sun has an estimated 5000 active charts in his files.

The present dentist serving the area is Dr. Donald Roberts who is from the Hammond area and received his training from Indiana University. He has served this area since July of 1965 except for a short time when he served in the army. Dr. Roberts is also located in the Hebron Clinic. At one time in 1945-1946, Dr. Devall also practiced dentistry in Hebron, but has since moved to Oregon.

It was very difficult for the young members of the Hebron National Honor Society to decide who the other famous people of the community were; and so in order to have a complete and unbiased listing, the group sent out a questionaire to fifty people asking them to name persons who, in their opinon, were famous during 1936-1976. According to lists received from these fifty people, the following were elected as "Famous People."

EDUCATION

HELEN NOLAN—a teacher in Boone Township schools for fifty-one years.

DORIS MORROW—a teacher who has dedicated thirty-three years to Hebron elementary school, specialized in math.

CHARLOTTE KNARR—a teacher in the local school who has dedicated thirty-two years, specialized in reading.

ANN WAHL—a teacher who taught history for twenty-two years in Hebron High School.

ESTHER WAHL—a grade teacher who taught thirty years in the Hebron Schools.

G. WARREN PHILLIPS—principal of Hebron Schools, later Superintendent of Valparaiso Schools.

RUTH McMILLEN—a teacher who taught thirty-seven years in the school system, mostly in third grade.

MYRON KNAUFF—principal of Hebron Schools, present Assistant-Superintendent of Valparaiso Schools.

M. E. DINSMORE—County Superintendent of Schools for twenty-nine years.

WAYNE EIKENBERRY—popular principal of Hebron School from 1944-1949.

BUSINESS PERSONS

LOUIS ALYEA—leading businessman, dedicated to preservation of American Heritage and history. Executive president of Citizens Bank.

JOHN DEKOCK—grocer on Main Street from 1926-1964.

WALTER JOHNSON—owner of Johnson Seed Store who contributed greatly to athletic events including girls' softball.

ELMER BRICKER—operates barber shop . . . Town Clerk for many years.

VERNON CHILDS—local grocer for many years whose hobby was horticulture.

LELAND BUCHANAN—druggist who participated in civic affairs, fireman.

HOAG DINSMORE—owned Chevrolet garage and dealership on Main Street, farm manager.

MONTE MORROW—friendly businessman for forty-five years, served as fire chief for fifteen years.

JACK FRY—owned and operated Marathon Station for many years, noted for congeniality.

ROBERT MCGINLEY—active in banking, presently president of Citizens Bank.

CHARLES LIGHTFOOT—fire chief until 1936, noted for longevity.

ROSS WITTERS—druggist for many years.

ELLA HENDERSON—acting Postmistress; also noted for longevity.

MAURICE WILSON—local grocer from 1936-1957, active in community activities and Commercial Club.

HERB ROSENTHAL—Standard Oil dealer, active in civic affairs.

FRANKLIN PETRY—attorney on Main Street, member of Porter County Aviation Board, member of Porter County School Reorganization Committee.

POLITICS

MAURICE MASON—Second District Democratic chairman, member of Democratic National Committee.

VIRGIL KING—former South County Commissioner, businessman.

MARCELLA MASON—active in Democratic Party, clerk-treasurer of town.

LOUIS KELLER—County Clerk during the 1930's.

BERNARD DOYLE—Chairman of Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission in 1949, instrumental in channeling tax funds to be used for alcoholic divisions in Westville.

ART CARPENTER—former South County Commissioner.

LONGEVITY

Gertrude Giegoldt, Effie Dilley, Clara Lawrence, Bess Wilson, Maria Richardson, Glen Norton, Alta Wilson, Leland (Ike) Bryant, Jennie Williams, Harry Laughlin, Lena Bryant, John Fickle, Anna Johnson

AGRICULTURE

Pete Johnson, Clarence Hallberg, Chester Gilson, Glenn Buchanan, Buss Fry, Murl Nichols, Arthur Piepho, Jack Alyesworth, Cecil Thurner, Herb Roeske, Willis Werner, August Johnson, Ray Schuster, Paul Evans

RELIGION

REV. JOSEPH SWITZER—first full-time priest of St. Helen's.

REV. JOHN HREN—first vocation from the parish of St. Helen's; ordained on June 5, 1947.

FLO NICHOLS—church organist for many years in Hebron Methodist Church.

CHARLES HOUGH—loyal church custodian, dedicated more than fifty years of his life to Hebron Christian Church.

REV. RUSSELL RICHARDSON—inspiration to community and Christian way of life, minister of Methodist Church.

CLUB SERVICE

VIVA CHILDS—past president of Indiana Federated Womens Clubs.

MABEL CARPENTER—active club woman, president of DAR, past president of Porter County Home-Ec Clubs.

MARY JANE AYLESWORTH—Home-Ec Extension Club representative who represented the state of Indiana on her trips to India, Australia, and Norway.

EVELYN WILSON—past president of Fortnightly Club, active in library work.

SERVICE

JESSIE SPINDLER—Hebron librarian from 1941-1973.

ZEKE FICKLE—town employee until retirement in 1974.

ALONZO NORRIS—caretaker of cemeteries for over thirty years.

OLIVER WEDDLE—Postmaster from 1949-1969.

BEN GARVEY—mail carrier on Route 2 from 1938-1954.

WAYNE FRY—dedicated many years of service to the custodial care of the school. Also active in town government, served as town board president.

WILMA PETRY—has served several terms on Welfare Board, given many hours of service to Whispering Pines.

OTHERS

WAYNE COOPER—local artist who shows throughout the U.S.A., won much recognition with oil paintings.

ANNA BUCK—local artist who has won state honors with oil paintings.

FAY FOLSOM NICHOLS—author of the book *Kankakee.*

AUDREY NICHOLS—on the staff of *House Beautiful* Magazine.

ELSIE CORWIN—outstanding in secretarial profession, secretary at Valparaiso U.

OLO E. NICHOLS—noted bridge building contractor in Lake, Jasper, and Porter Counties.

. . . . DISASTERS . . . .

Boone Township has been fortunate because few disasters have hit this community since 1936. Probably the most notable is the tornado that occurred on April 8, 1948, which devastated the area along the Kankakee River. Among the dead in the state of Indiana was Clemens Bricker, Boone Township's only victim of the storm who was fatally injured by falling timbers when his house, located on the Kankakee, was completely demolished. Mr. Bricker's sister, Margaret, who made her home with him, escaped with only minor injuries; and the Ed Bricker family living in the August Johnson home near the River bridge was able to take refuge in the basement.

One of the worst snowstorms in over forty years hit the Hebron area on Sunday, April 20, 1961. The Valpo weather station at Flint Lake announced an official Sunday-Monday snowfall of 9.2 inches. Roads leading out of the town of Hebron which was declared an emergency area, were blocked by drifts six to eight feet high; and all motorists leaving town were stopped. Personnel from Civilian Defense, Indiana State Police, State Highway Departments, Fire Department, Scouts, and private individuals banded together to help alleviate the situation. People stranded on highways outside of the town had to find refuge in farmhouses which were taxed to capacity. One hundred and fifty persons were stranded in the farm homes of Russel Steinhilber, Richard Sterks, Ernie Williams, and Cecil Lowery. Seventy-five motorists were at first housed in the Hebron High School where Pauline Wale and Kate DeFries served coffee, but later they were sent to private homes for lodging.

Another major blizzard hit the area on January 26, 1967, starting at nine in the morning. A record twenty-four inches fell on Thursday and Friday, schools were closed, and state and county snow plowing equipment was over-taxed trying to help stranded motorists. Lodging for three days had to be provided in private homes and in the school for the travelers, many of whom were Purdue and Indiana University students trying to reach their homes during mid-year break.

During the midst of the storm an expectant mother on Highway 2 called for help; and since the roads were com-

pletely impassable by car, a payloader and bulldozer were pressed into service and the woman was brought to the Hebron Clinic where Dr. Sun delivered her child who was nick-named "Stormy." At about the same time a young man suffered a heart attack and Mrs. Chadwick, who was a registered nurse stranded in Hebron, was carried in the shovel of the payloader to the house to assist.

The last major storm to hit this area occurred on August 27, 1965; it was later classified as an inland hurricane. It started around 12:15 A.M., and by 12:45 all electrical power went off; some homes did not receive power again until the following Monday or Tuesday. The storm consisted of high winds, hail, and rain that beat the area causing extreme crop damage, leveling barns, and killing stock. Members of the Hebron Volunteer Firemen worked during the night patrolling the streets of the town. They used loud speakers and sirens as they traveled the area trying to warn citizens of the impending crisis. As the storm neared, over one hundred persons took refuge in the high school. Others who did not have basements for protection, took shelter in the homes of their neighbors. The following Saturday was declared "Clean-up Day" and all men were asked to help clean the debris from the town.

Hebron has witnessed other disasters that cannot be classified as weather phenomena, but rather as man-made disasters perpetrated by robbers attempting to hold up the Citizens Bank. The first big robbery during the 1936-1976 time era was in February of 1948, when Steven M. Wzesinski of Gary, after being apprehended in Oneida, New York, confessed to the crime of robbing the Citizens Bank. The robbery occurred at 10:15 in the morning, and road blocks, which were unsuccessful, were set up extending from the Kankakee River north through Cedar Lake and Crown Point to Lincoln Highway and west to Valparaiso.

The second robbery occurred early on a Monday morning, November 7, 1955; but the scenario was actually started Sunday evening at six when the would-be robbers entered the Robert McGinley home. They took Mr. McGinley, an employee of Citizens Bank, and his wife Ruth prisoner. During the evening the robbers took the prisoners on wild rides throughout Northern Indiana, arriving back at the McGinley residence at five A. M. and ordered that breakfast be served.

After tying Mrs. McGinley to a rocking chair in the basement, one man, dressed in a business suit, forced Mr. McGinley to accompany him to the bank when it opened for business. At first the other bank employees surmised that the unknown man was with Mr. McGinley as a bank inspector. After the robbery, Mr. McGinley was again forced to accompany the men in the get-away car; and it was not until three hours later in the town of Frankfort, Illinois, that Mr. McGinley had the opportunity to jump from the car as it slowed to pass a large truck. The FBI was called in and the money was later recovered.

One of the heroes of a third robbery which occurred on Tuesday, November 6, 1962, was the German police dog of Tunis Van Veld. Two young men held up the bank at 10:55 A.M. and escaped with approximately 4,000 dollars. As the pair tried to escape, they were unsuccess
in commandeering the car of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie H
and had to take off running through the yards as B
Mullins, bank cashier chased them, taking two shots.
they ran through the yard of Mr. Van Veld, the Van Ve
dog gave pursuit; and in their hurry, the robbers dropp
part of the loot. It was turned in by local citizens. T
robbers were captured at 4:20 on a farm west of Hebr

The latest robbery occurred on March 16, 1971, a
had all the characteristics of an old-fashioned movie t
holdup that was complete with whizzing bullets, hi
speed chase, and the capture of the "bad guys." T
men entered the bank, stuffed the stolen money into
pillow case, and locked the bank employees into t
vault using a gun as a persuader. Mrs. Margaret Litt
who lives across from the bank, happened to see s
picious activities going on at the bank and called Alye
Garage alerting Tom Alyea and Robert McIntire who g
chase to the get-away car. State Police joined them
Division Road heading toward Valparaiso. The robbe
car failed to make a turn and plunged over a fifteen f
embankment. The suspects were taken into custody a
all the money was recovered.

....CHURCHES....

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Before 1939 the United Methodist Church of Heb
had been called the Methodist Episcopal Church. At t
time there was a union of the Methodist Episco
Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and
Methodist Protestant Church. In 1968 the Metho
Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Chu
merged to form the United Methodist Church, the na
now used by the Hebron Congregation. The United M
odist Church is a connection Church as a part of
Calumet District, the North Indiana Conference of
North Central Jurisdiction.

The original building that in part still houses the M
odist congregation was actually built and dedicated
1890. It consisted of an auditorium, fifty-six by thi
two feet, with a large connecting Sunday school r
and a vestibule under the tower. An addition was sta
on July 15, 1928, under the supervision of I. V. Fry,
sisted by Mr. Charles Fry, giving the congregation
auditorium with a total seating capacity of 450.
present parsonage was purchased in 1917 during
pastorate of Reverend Beisel. It was described in th
days as an "eight room brick bungalow, finished in
wood, with hot water heat and all modern convenienc

In 1954, Sunday school rooms were added to
building located on Church and Washington Streets.
present value of the entire building is $110,000.

The United Methodist Women, an organization
merly called the Women's Society of Christian Ser
is a very active branch of the church. It consists of
circles called the Mary Martha Circle, the Floe Nich
Circle, the Ruth Circle, and the Nettie Bryant Cir
One of their main projects is the annual fall bazaar.

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship is very active. ey meet in Junior and Senior divisions every first and ird Sunday evening of the month.

One of the most outstanding programs of the church its music. Mrs. Robert Ellenson is the music chairperon. There are two choirs, the Chancel Choir with twenty-ix members and the Youth Choir with thirty-two members. They bring together six other churches in the area present an annual Palm Sunday cantata.

Senior Citizens is an organization that was founded the Hebron Community through the United Methodist hurch. This group meets the first Friday of each month the church.

Former pastors of this church are:
1935-1938—W. C. Evers
1938-1941—C. C. Jordan
1941-1946—M. C. Bishop
1946-1951—Stanley Howell
1951-1958—W. Ray Kuhn
1958-1963—Russell Richardson
1963-1969—Donald Duggleby
1969-1972—Louis Balsley
1972- —Warren L. Lear

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian Church of Hebron, organized on Septemer 12, 1877, in Sweeney's Hall, has grown from 32 to he present membership of 175.

The Missionary Society of the Christian Church was oranized by Brother H. Williams who was the minister rom 1926-1929, and the missionary work has steadily rown with the years until at the present time at least wenty-five percent of the church's total budget goes to nissions. Brother Layman who was the minister from 938-1941 left his ministry and went to the Kiamichi Mountains where he is still working. The church has aided im financially and many shipments of clothing have been ent to the people there. Also the society has aided Flora Guernsey who at the time was working with the Chrisian Radio Mission in Korea. At the present time the hurch contributes regularly to a number of the New estament colleges; to the Chicago District Evangelistic ssociation in their work of financing and establishing ew churches in the Chicago area; to the Lake Region hristian Assembly to carry on their camp work now eing relocated in the Lakes of the Four Seasons region; o Carol and Barbara Lowe, Missionaries in Goiana, Goias, razel, South America; to the Ziden Nutt Family in Afria; to Arthur Morris in India; and to John Wallace on the ast coast of the United States.

The first house of worship for this congregation was uilt in 1878 at a cost of $1,200 and first remodeled in 910. In 1920-23 a kitchen was added and funded by he Ladies Aid Society, and in 1943-47 more remodeling as completed with the addition of a basement and new eating system.

In 1959 it became evident that the church was growg and that more class-rooms were needed. While this tensive remodeling program, which included moving church back twenty feet, excavating for another basement, building a new foundation, and re-doing the auditorium, was taking place, the congregation used the high school auditorium for its services. This construction lasted from June until Thanksgiving; and as in all previous remodeling programs, much of the labor was voluntary.

The organizations of the church have been established for many years. Both junior and senior Endeavor Societies and the C.W.B.M. Auxiliary were established in 1898 and the Missionary Society and the Cradle Roll in 1926-1929.

The following list contains the names of the brethren who have served as ministers during the 1936-1976 period:

1933-1937—Grant Blackwood
1937—Mr. Sayers
1938-1941—Mr. Layman
1942-1943—Arthur Brewer
1943-1947—D. L. Waterworth
1948—Wallace Jones
1949-1956—Logan Dunham
1956-1958—Earl Shaw
1958-1965—Robert Tinsky
1965-1966—James Hardin
1966-1969—John Carter
1969-1972—Harold Clapp
1972- —Richard Winson

ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Sunday, September 29, 1946, the parish of St. Helen's Catholic Church opened its doors. This was the culmination of many months of hard work.

The building had formerly been occupied by the Presbyterians, and the Catholics of Hebron had attended services at St. Mary's Church in Kouts where Father Kondziela was the pastor.

When the Presbyterians decided to put the building up for sale, Father Kondziela began the work of acquiring it. The Reverend W. D. Williams, the Presbyterian Minister residing in Hebron, was a tremendous help.

Meetings were held prior to the actual purchase during which pledges were made. Although the cost of the building itself was only $5,000, the total cost of the church was expected to run around $15,000. At this time Dr. Roscoe Blood and Alden Blood pledged almost enough money for the purchase of the building itself with the understanding that the church would be named St. Helen, in memory of their deceased wives, both of whom were named Helen.

And so in October, after five months of hard work in preparing the church for the dedication, St. Helen's opened its door with approximately 300 people attending the dedication mass.

Father Kondziela became the mission pastor of St. Mary's and St. Helen's. Through his efforts that the Altar and Rosary Society, NCCW groups, CYO, Holy Name Society, and the choir were organized. He also administered the firm baptism to Rebecca Josephine Genovese on October 6, 1946, and performed the first marriage, between Julia Yankauskas and Clarence Gesse on November 16, 1946.

It was during Reverend Ambrose E. Switzer's pastorate that the Edward Berdine house, adjacent to the church was bought for $7,000 to be used as a rectory. Also during his time, the sacristy and the back portion of the church and the parish hall were built; and also on June 11, 1954, the mortgage of the parish was burned.

The priests who have served at St. Helen's church have been:

Father Kondziela—1946-1947
Father Ambrose E. Switzer—1947-1954
Father Chester Zurawiec—1954-1956
Father Walter S. Mastey—1956-1958
Father James Stapleton—1958-1959
Father Joseph A. Klinker—1959-1964
Monsignor John Charlebois—administrator
Reverend John Burke—administrator
Father Abends—administrator assistant
Father Julian Jercha—administrator
Reverend John Bargielski—administrator
Father Charles Doyle—administrator assistant
Reverend Joseph P. Casey—1967-

ST. MICHAEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, U.A.C.

Plans for the formation of a Lutheran Church in the Hebron area started in 1974 when a survey was made of the Hebron area. The results indicated that there were sufficient numbers of interested Lutherans to establish a mission.

The first meeting was held July 22, 1974; at which time it was decided to organize a congregation, engage a part-time minister, and find a place to worship.

On September 16, 1974, in a meeting held at the Stage Coach Inn, plans were finalized for services to begin in October; and on October 6, 1974, in the Hebron Scout Cabin, St. Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, held its first worship service. Reverend Hugo Goetz, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Gary, Indiana, conducted the service attended by eighty-one persons. Worship services were held in the Hebron Scout Cabin during October and November; and on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1974, a communion service was held in the Hebron United Methodist Church.

The following persons acted as a Board of Directors; Mr. George Rust, Merrillville, Indiana; Mr. Robert Starks and Mr. Adelbert Dutcher, DeMotte, Indiana; and Mr. Ken Patz, Mr. Jeff Matanich, Mr. Dan Schultz, and Mr. Marvin Schultz, Hebron, Indiana.

St. Michael Evangelical Lutheran Church was formed with the help of the Calumet Lutheran Mission Association and is affiliated with the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Emmanuel Baptist Church, an independent fundamental church, was started on October 10, 1972, by thirty-four charter members who met in a private home for an organizational meeting. This group then began holding services in the Hebron School building, then at the Porter Crossroads building, and in the Stage Coach Inn before moving into their permanent home.

On September 15, 1974, the congregation moved into their new building which is erected south of Hebron on Highway 231. This building was under the direction of a committee composed of John Int Veld, Lee Duck, Walter Stockman, and Wayne Lee.

The first pastor, who served but a few months, was Mr. Thomas Forrester. The congregation then called Howard Dillabaugh as interim pastor in May, 1974; and later in the same year he became the full-time pastor.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

The Hebron Baptist Church was started early in 1955 through the work of a man from Merrillville, Mr. Albert Mickelos, who worked many hours gathering us together. The church first met in a home and as the congregation grew, services moved to the old American Legion Building located on Highway #2 and subsequently purchased the building and held services there.

On August 1, 1973, the church moved to its present location in the east side of Crest Knoll subdivision. At first, the services were held in a tent, but on Thanksgiving Day the tent was taken down and services were held in the new building.

The pastors of the Hebron Baptist Church have been:

Reverend Dan Shatz—1955-1957
Reverend Albertson—1957-1960
Reverend Don Krise—1960-1965
Reverend Lester Burkey—1965-

The definition of this Baptist church is:

We are a body of batpized believers organized to carry out the Great Commission. We are an independent organization not owned, sustained, or governed by any power outside the local church. We, as a Baptist Church, cannot join any group outside ourself. We may follow fellowship with other churches of like faith. We do have fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptists and are thereby known as G.A.R.B. Church.

HEBRON ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

The Hebron Assembly of God Church was started in 1952 by the Reverend Gerald Dewlen, and services were first held on north Main Street in a remodeled garage.

With the growth of the congregation under the leadership of the Reverend Don Brown and the Reverend Elmer Marrone, a larger building was soon needed; and in 1957 property in Crest Knoll was purchased from Mr. Virgil King for a church site.

During the years of 1957 and 1958 a new church, forty feet wide and seventy feet long, was constructed under the direction of Reverend Kelso Allen. Families instrumental in the formation of the church were: Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kaysen, Mr. and Mrs. James Hullihan, Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Cavinder, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Hershman, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Nells Lawrence, and Ms. Opal Cavinder.

Other pastors have been:

1963-1965—Reverend Eugene Dayka
1966-1967—Reverend Danny Cuffle
1967- —Reverend Howard Haberle

With Church growth, the need for adequate parking facilities in 1972 brought about the purchase of land adjacent to the rear of the church and owned by Mr. Virgil King.

The Assembly of God Church, which has the motto, "You're never a stranger, and a guest only once," now has an enrollment of eighty-one.

. . . .CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS. . . .

WILSON-BATES POST #190
THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Wilson-Bates Post #190 was originally chartered on May 21, 1921, and named after the only Hebron boy to be killed in action in World War I, Irvin Wilson. The post was rechartered on July 25, 1944, and renamed the Wilson-Bates Post including the name of John Hale Bates, the first Hebron boy to be killed in World War II.

One of the outstanding projects of the Post is sending a boy to Boy's State. This project was started in 1938 with the honor going to Harold Norris. Since then, except for the years of World War II, the post has sent two boys each year, one each from the Hebron and Boone Grove areas. Also for over twenty years the Legion sponsored a representative in the Legion Oratorical contest.

Since 1936, the Wilson-Bates Post has had three major moves. In October of 1943, the Post moved from the south-west corner of Main and Alyea Streets to the north-east corn of Main and Bates streets into the building that is now occupied by the Dillabaugh Agency. This property had been owned by former State Senator William Brown. The Legion occupied this building for thirteen years until July of 1956 when the property was sold to the Baptist Church and the Legion moved to the Kenneth Kouts property north of town on Highway 2. The land in the rear of the building was used for many years as a Girl Scout Day Camp.

Originally this area had been farm land owned by the United States government until 1838. Through the years the land was owned by various people; and at one time, a Mr. Robert Kenney in 1912 built and operated the old tile mill in the area. Years later, after a succession of owners, Kenneth Kouts operated a hatchery on the site. At a special meeting on June 20, 1972, it was voted to construct a new building which was ready by December, 1972. Much of the interior modeling and outside painting was done by the members.

WILSON-BATES UNIT #190

The Wilson-Bates Unit #190, which was chartered in in 1924, was originally called the Wilson Unit. In 1946 its name was changed to the Wilson-Bates #190 Unit. It derives its name from two war heroes, Irvin Wilson, the first Hebron to be killed in WWI and John Hale Bates, the first in the area to give his life in World War II.

This unit is a member of the second district of the State of Indiana and has a membership of 103. The membership consists of mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, and granddaughters of members of the American Legion who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods:

April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918
December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946
June 25, 1950, to January 31, 1955
August 5, 1964, to August 15, 1973.

This auxiliary organization meets at the American Legion Hall on the second Monday of the month at 8:00 P.M.

The purpose of this organization is found in its preamble which reads:

> To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

JAYCEES

The Hebron Jaycees was organized and received its charter in February of 1966. This chapter is affiliated with the United States Jaycees and is the two-hundred twelfth chapter in Indiana to receive a charter.

The present membership consists of thirty-one young men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five. The Hebron Jaycees meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month and devotes its service to the needs of the community. It has three annual projects: twice each year the members sweep the Main Street of Hebron, they participate in the United States Honey Sunday program donating all profits to a deserving charity in the Hebron area, and they pick up and dispose of Christmas trees after the holidays.

Assisting the Jaycees is an organization called the Jayshees which was organized on August 1, 1974. The Jayshees are the wives or fiancees of Jaycee members.

The Jayshees was organized by Mary Ann Wallace, Carole Johnson, Cheryl Blood, Jo Trapp, and Jan Fry. At present there are ten members who meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the homes of members.

One of their projects is the distribution of window markers for the Operation Red Ball which is a national Jaycee project.

HEBRON LIONS CLUB

The Hebron Lions Club, which is a member of Lions International, was originally organized in September of 1948. The charter members were Jack Fry, Erling Kaldahl, C. Deleto, Zeke Fickle, Noble Aylesworth, John

Mitchell, Ernie Williams, J. Spencer, Herman Bement, William Harrington, Paul Evans, Floyd Wahl, Tom Murphy, Vernon Faxon, Ben Wiltfang, Harvey Evans, Emerson Cummins, Wayne Eikenberry, Paul Welker, Maurice Mason, Joe Von Osinski, Blake Berdine, Franklin Petry, Carl Wood, Art Larsen, Fred Homfield, Henry Kirby, John Bierma, Keith Cornell, Clarence Sowards, Walter Johnson, Oliver Weddle, and Roland Thompson. The numerous projects of this club included building the cinder track at the local school and buying the curtains for the stage. Mr. Wayne Eikenberry was the first president. Funds for projects were raised by annual minstrel shows which are still remembered by the community as it recalls some of the leading characters such as Dave Parent as interlocutor, John Mitchell as Hambone, Mel Larson as Shiftless, Mason Fickle as Marmaduke, Oswald Sanders as Honeydew, Don Scarlet as Sassafras and others.

In the 1950's the club disbanded, but was again revived in April of 1969 with the following men listed as charter members of the second club: Glen Evans, Cyril Fickle, Ken Roberts, Donald Rosenbaum, Donald Bales, Paul Stalbaum, Willis Werner, Harold Schroeder, Charles Osburn, Russell Shrider, Ronald Price, Lloyd White, Theodore Fitzgerald, Melvyn Larsen, Oswald Sanders, Richard Blood, Ray Schuster, Kenneth Rosenbaum, Albert Stemble, Ken Patz, Glen Hartz, Dave Wiltfang, Lawrence Strickland, James Osby, Forrest Wietbrock, LeRoy Garlack, Donald Taber, George Kats, William Harrington, Donald Fickle, Robert Poisel, Donald Fry, Emery Gant, and Roger Fox. This group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at the Stagecoach Inn and has fifty members. Each year the Lions have as their three main projects: Leaderdog school, cancer, and sight. The Hebron Lions have donated money for the cancer equipment at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis, have collected glasses for the sight program, bought and maintained playground equipment for the park in Crest Knoll subdivision, and have participated in the foreign exchange program sponsored by Lions International. In 1970 Miss Gwen Birky, a Hebron student, represented the Hebron Lions Club as an exchange student to Lima, Peru, where she lived with a Peruvian family during the summer and became acquainted with South American culture. In 1973, a fifteen year old youth, Jose Zirena, from Lima, Peru, became a guest of the Hebron Lions Club. He lived with the families of the Lions Club and was graduated from Hebron High School. The members have also donated money for the new Childs Park, the basketball scoreboard, and the Fire Department's grass truck.

MARGARET BRYANT-BLACKSTONE CHARTER DAR

A group of ladies from Hebron and Lowell met November 22, 1928, at the Connor Bryant farm on Road #2 southwest of Hebron to organize two DAR chapters. These two have since been known as the "Twin Chapters," of which only one is on record.

The local chapter was named for the first white girl born in Boone Township, Margaret Jane Bryant. She later married Dr. John King Blackstone.

Each of the 2983 chapters located in the fifty states, governed by the National Society of Washington D.C., assists in Americanism, Indiana Schools, conservation, good citizens, DAR schools, and many other projects.

The chapter meets the second Tuesday in the homes. There are approximately forty members, and to be eligible the applicant must be a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War veteran. Those assisting in the organization of the local chapter were Miss Nettie L. Bryant, Mrs. Henry Hogan, Mrs. Harry Folsom, and Mrs. Giles Aylesworth; the latter suggested the name of the chapter.

HEBRON FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The Hebron Fortnightly Club is one of the oldest clubs in the town. It was organized in 1911 as a social and personal improvement club. In 1937 it became affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

One of the greatest contributions of this organization occurred in September 1917 when the club ladies purchased the present site of the Hebron Public Library for $1,300. Mr. M. E. Dinsmore, the library board president, mortgaged his own home until the board had funds to take over. On September 14, 1917, the club received $7,500 from the Carnegie Corporation for the establishment of the library.

Through the years this club has supported numerous civic projects. At the present time it offers an annual $100 scholarship each spring. Fortnightly Club is also raising funds for the public library and for the newly founded Vernon Childs Memorial Park.

MOTHERS OF WORLD WAR II UNIT 176

In 1950 Mrs. Margaret Johnson and a few mothers met in September to discuss formation of the MOTHERS OF WORLD WAR II. Membership in this organization is a way of reminding the people of World War II, the call to service, and the resulting sacrifices.

The first officers who were installed in December of 1950 were: Mrs. Anna Johnson, president; Mrs. Cora Norris, first vice-president; Mrs. Edith Thompson, second vice-president; Mrs. Mary Saylor, recording secretary; Mrs. Ella Thompson, financial secretary; Mrs. Ruth McMillan, treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Garner, chaplain; Mrs. Irene Carr, historian; Mrs. Helen Doyle, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Besides the officers, other charter members were Mrs. Clara Douglas, Mrs. Mae Donnahue, Mrs. Helda Garvey, Mrs. Laura Faxon, Mrs. Maud Sherwood, and Mrs. Stockman.

The group first met in homes, then in the school cafeteria, K of P Lodge Hall, the basement of the library, and presently is meeting in the Stage Coach Inn.

During the war years the philanthropic works of the club were centered on helping servicemen. For example, in 1951, the club received gift lists from veterans who were hospitalized in the Crown Point Sanitarium, and the members saw that each of these men received a special gift at Christmas. The members have hemmed towels for Porter Memorial Hospital and the Marion Hospital,

cut and sewed carpet rags, sewed quilt blocks for the Knightstown Home, made surgical wrappings, given monetary gifts to veteran hospitals, polio funds, cancer funds, and to families of veterans.

Today, the MOTHERS OF WORLD WAR II has a membership of thirty-one mothers who meet the first Wednesday of each month. The ladies are making bibs for veterans who are severely handicapped and hospitalized, sewing lap robes for nursing homes, and still supporting the veterans' hospitals financially.

HEBRON COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Hebron Commercial Club, which was organized in 1937, meets on the second Thursday of each month. This group, which is dedicated to the promotion of business and the general welfare of the community now has a membership of twenty-two. The forerunner of this club was the Men's Club, organized in 1927, whose main project was decorating the town Christmas Tree and providing treats for the children. This project, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, is still carried on today.

In 1939 the Men's Club adopted a constitution and became the Commercial Club. The charter members of the organization were Hoag Dinsmore, Louis Alyea, David Root, Roland Thompson, Noble Aylesworth, Virgil O. King, Harry Mockler, Walter Johnson, Warren Phillips, Herb Rosenthal, Rush Hughes, Lee Buchanan, Monte Morrow, Earl Hiatt, Robert McGinley, Perry Clark, Vernon Childs, John DeKock, Franklin Petry, and Ray Fry.

The projects of this organization have benefited the town in many ways. The Commercial Club was instrumental along iwth other organizations in starting the Scout Cabin and still supports it financially with funds raised by its annual Chicken bar-b-que dinner. For many years the club sponsored a Halloween party for the youngsters. Also, it was responsible for many of the street signs placed around the town. During the Christmas season the members buy and help maintain the decorations.

AYLESWORTH CLUB

Late in September, 1912, the women east of town, in what is called Aylesworth, gathered at the home of Mrs. Emery Dye to honor her with a baby shower. That was such an enjoyable event that it was decided to meet at the Lillian Aylesworth home two weeks later to make plans for a club. At this meeting Mrs. Sadie Aylesworth acted as chairman and officers were elected. Meetings were held every two weeks at the members' homes until 1923. That year a building used by the gravel roadmen, located on railroad property, was offered to the club for $50. The women bought it and moved it to a plot of land that was rented from Gus Johnson for a dollar a year. The club purchased this property in 1960. In 1927 an addition was built on the north side for a kitchen by the husbands. The completely rebuilt clubhouse was finished in 1970.

Charter members of the club in 1912 were: Mesdames Eliza Jane Aylesworth, Florence Aylesworth, Grace Aylesworth, Lillian Aylesworth, Sadie Aylesworth, Nettie Aylesworth, Miss Hannah Brody, Carrie Casbon, Mary Dye, Mary Gilson, Emma Hallberg, Augusta Koehler, Florence Leeka, Lila Walters, Cora Sams, and Josephine Swartz.

THE HEBRON SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The Hebron Senior Citizens' meetings were started in the 1960's when Reverend Donald Duggleby, minister of the United Methodist Church, and Mrs. Flo Nichols, director of the Home Missions, organized the first meetings. These meetings are held mainly in the Fellowship room of the church. Anyone over the age of sixty, regardless of church affiliation, has been invited to attend. The meetings generally consist of potluck dinner, short programs, and especially, fellowship. In October, 1969, Mrs. Edmond L. Hough assumed directorship of the meetings. Some of the Hebron Citizens have been working with the R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) at Valparaiso.

SOUTH COUNTY BELLES

The South County Belles Home Demonstration Club, which is affiliated with the National Home Demonstration Club, was organized in this area in January, 1954. The group meets on the first Monday of the month in the homes of the members. At the present time there are approximately seventeen members.

Homemaking lessons are given at the county level by Purdue or local personnel and then presented to the local clubs. Homemaking is the main interest of the group. Two projects of the homemarkers are working with the bloodmobile and baking birthday cakes for the men and women at the Porter County Home.

BOONE TOWNSHIP EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

On March 12, 1935, ten ladies met at the Aylesworth School House to form a home economics club. It was decided at that time to meet the fourth Wednesday of the month and to have a penny collection. The first collection netted the club six cents.

In 1938 the group joined the State Home Economics Association and in 1943 it became a part of the annual meetings held at Purdue University. The club, also during that year, was honored to have Mrs. Mabel Carpenter as the county president. In 1946 this economics club was one of the twenty in Porter County and 1,246 such clubs in the state of Indiana.

Through the years the club has made donations to the Riley Children's Hospital, Red Cross, Lela Gaddis Home at Purdue University, and Cancer Fund. It has also had members who baked cakes for the men at the Porter County home and made Pinkie puppets for the hospital.

MASONIC LODGE

The Hebron Lodge #502 and Accepted Masons was constituted in May, 1875, and has grown to its present membership of over two hundred members. Membership

is made by petition of males, age 21 or over and of good moral character.

The lodge meets the first Monday of each month and is governed by the Worshipful Master and his elected and appointed officers. This lodge practices under the Grand Lodge of the state of Indiana whose main principles include brotherly love, relief, and truth. The Hebron Lodge rededicated the Mason Temple on Main Street of Hebron on June 14, 1975, the one-hundredth anniversary of Progress in Hebron.

HEBRON CHAPTER 119 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Hebron Chapter #119 Order of the Eastern Star was the first chapter to be organized in the county followed by chapters organized in Valparaiso and Chesterton. The Hebron Chapter was constituted on April 28, 1892. The thirty charter members were: Carrie Baker, Jane Sampson, Minnie Nelson, Lavina Beattie, John J. Beattie, M. Stinchfield, Phoebe Stinchfield, Carrie Hubbard, Margaret Kenny, L. Scott, George Gregg, Jennie Gregg, R. S. Kenny, Anna Carson, Flora Baker, John L. Baker, George Moss, J. Morrow, Nettie C. Morrow, Mattie Nichols, S. McIntyre, H. B. Kenny, J. E. Carson, Janie Carson, Maggie Adams, John Carson, Mrs. S. Kithcart, William C. Nichols, D. Fisher, and Mrs. E. Fisher. Carrie Hubbard was the first worthy matron and George C. Gregg was the first worthy patron.

The original name of the chapter was the Spencer Baker Chapter, but this was changed in 1935 to the Hebron Chapter #119. The present membership is two hundred and forty, and the meetings are held in the Masonic Temple on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month except in July and August. One of the main philanthropical projects is the financial support given to the Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana.

CUB SCOUTS

The Hebron Cub Scout Pack #26 has been a continuous organization since 1954. It is a member of the National Organization of Scouting. Each den meets weekly, and once a month a general meeting with all dens is held. The original sponsor of this pack was the Hebron Lion's Club. It was then sponsored for a number of years by the American Legion Post #190, and this year it is again sponsored by the Lions. One of the big projects of the Cub Scouts is their annual clean-up day. In 1974 the pack has a membership of sixty; this the largest pack in the Dunes District.

HEBRON BOY SCOUTS

The Hebron Boy Scout troop, which belong to the National Scout Organization, has been a very active organization even before 1936. In 1933 Mr. Mart Marsden was the scout master, and the meetings were held in the old American Legion Hall that stood on the corner where Alyea's car lot now stands. The troop at that time was #35, and the boys enjoyed their camping which was done at Glen Down's cabin on the Kankakee River.

Scout masters after Marsden were Franklin Petry and Neil Hough. It was during Mr. Hough's leadership that the troop was reformed and ended up with its present number of 26. In 1945 Harry Stockman became the scout master with Robert Moran as his assistant, and the sponsorship of the troop was transferred from the American Legion to the Hebron Commercial Club.

At the present time the twenty-four members of the troop, which is sponsored by the Hebron Commercial Club, meet weekly. In the past seven years five scouts, Mark Fisher, Curtis Curry, Benedict Yankauskas, III, John Wineland, and Phillip Cooley, have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. This group, along with the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts, helps with the annual community clean-up project. It also has paper drives and builds a Fourth of July float.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts, which belong to the national organization, have been active in Hebron and Boone Township since the latter part of the 1920's. For many years the meetings of the group were held in the basement of the Hebron Library, but in 1956 the girls were invited to use the Scout Cabin. This cabin, located in the town park next to the Methodist Church, was built in 1946 on property donated to the town by the Sigler family. It was stipulated at that time that the land was to be used as park by the town. The Commercial Club and other organizations were instigators of the cabin which was built with money received from donations. Most of the work was gratis. The original building, which is still used today, has an outside construction of half-round siding, milled to resemble logs. It has a cedar shake roof and a fireplace that was built from old Valparaiso paving bricks.

In 1956 an addition was added which consisted of a kitchen facility, restrooms, and a new furnace. Prior to this addition, the cabin had been used only by the Boy Scouts. The Commercial Club still sponsors the cabin and raises money for this project by an annual chicken barbeque. The profits of this project go for utilities, insurance, and repairs on the cabin. All levels of Girl Scouting have been carried out including Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Senior Scouts. At the present there are two Junior Girl Scout troops and one Cadette Girl Scout troop with an approximate total of fifty-five girls involved in the program.

WRONG WAY SQUARES

The Wrong Way Squares, one of the newest clubs in Hebron, was formed in 1972 by Mr. and Mrs. Neal Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wilson. This club meets, with Mr. Joe Brown of Crown Point as the caller, the second and fourth Saturdays at Hebron High School. When the club was formed, it had a membership of 16 which has now grown to 51. Dance lessons are given every fall to prospective members. This club is affiliated with the Northern Indiana Callers and Dancers Association and with the Indiana Dancer Association.

HISTORY OF KOUTS & PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Prepared by the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Kouts & Pleasant Township. Mrs. Emil Hofferth, History Chairman. This history is supplemented with a centennial history book published in 1965 and available in Kouts & Porter County public libraries.

. . . . EARLY EXPLORATION . . . .

Around the year 1673 Jesuit missionaries, Fathers Claude Allouey and Claude Dablon landed in the lake region that is now Porter County, covered the territory to the Kankakee River. The next year Father Jaques Marquette paddled up the Kankakee to its source on his return trip from the Mississippi. In 1679 a famous band, Robert Cavelier Sieur de LaSalle the leader, and Chevalier de Tonti, the lieutenant. The next spring, LaSalle returned with three companions and passed through this territory on foot. In 1711, the natives of this area came under the influence of Father Chardon, a missionary.

. . . . PROLOGUE . . . .

FOUNDING OF PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

The Pottawatomies in 1832 ceded to the United States the territory that is now our township. During the "general division" April 12, 1836 Pleasant Township was formed. The name was suggested by its location and appearance. In July 1836, a country road was established from the quarter post on the north line of Section 30 Township 35 Range 5 to Sherwood Ferry on the Kankakee. This was probably one of the first planned roads of the new township. During the March 1841 meeting of the County Board of Commissioners, Morgan and Porter Townships were taken from the north side of the Pleasant Township, as well as Boone Township from the west side leaving an area of approximately 58 square miles. Pleasant Township still remains the largest township in the county.

John Sherwood was the first white settler in the township, coming here with his family in 1834. The first election for township officer, a justice of the peace, was held at the house of Henry Adams on April 30, 1836 when eleven votes were polled. Lewis Comer was elected unanimously and became the first justice of the peace.

The first birth was the birth of Henry, the son of William and Gillie Ann Trinkle, December 2, 1835. The first marriage was that of a Miss Jones to Alexander Wright about 1839, and the first death was that of Jeremiah, son of John Sherwood.

. . . . THE SAGA OF THE KANKAKEE . . . .

The Kankakee River rises near South Bend and flows southwestward and forms the southern boundary of Pleasant Township. Named by a band of Indians of the Mohican tribe who called themselves "Wolves". They took Refuge at the head waters of the Kankakee when driven from their homes thus the name "The Ak" (wolf) and "a Ki" (land) meaning Wolf land. Here the Pottawatomi Indians settled before the Civil War. Their first settlement was called Mayesvile and was located across the road from the George Wilcox home. The large tree standing at the entrance of the Reif home was the first Indian Trading Post. Many arrowheads, human bones, and Indian beads have been found there through the years.

The Kankakee River and Baum's Bridge which spans it are both very familiar to the people of the area. The bridge is located about five miles southwest of Kouts on the Baum's Bridge Road. The road still winds around and up and down just like the Indian Trail it was for centuries. The bridge was named for Enos Baum who came to that place in 1860, started a sawmill and went into the lumber business. Years before the bridge was built there was a ferry located there.

In early days this territory was known as "Hunters Paradise" because the natural wilderness was the home of all kinds of wild life and plentiful fishing. The two creeks that added to the riches of the township were: Crooked Creek on the east, so called because of its very crooked course and Sandy Hook on the west, both emptying into the Kankakee. There were no direct roads to Pleasant Township for the settlers, only a round about route to LaPorte and then south until they found a spot they wanted to settle. Land had to be cleared and homes built on high spots which were the only places not inundated in the spring.

In 1875, President Grant's son, and the president's son-in-law Algernon Sartoris, were on a hunting expedition detached from any club and came at the close of the day to the Peter Lauer home and asked for food and lodging. Algernon, a wealthy Englishman, who had hunted in the best known game areas of Europe, Canada, and other parts of the United States, declared the Kankakee marsh was superior to any place he had ever been. Evidently board and lodging were satisfactory for they stayed several days.

Another special visitor got stuck on a sand bar in the same area and after being assisted to free his boat identified himself as President Benjamin Harrison. He asked the name and adress of his helper and in appreciation, free seeds came for at least two decades from Washington, D.C. President Harrison became a regular visitor of the Baum's Bridge district of the Kankakee.

Of interest to these parts is Dunn's Bridge that spans the river on what used to be Dunn's farm which was on both sides of the river. The steel arches of the Ferris Wheel used in the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago, were used in 1894 to build a bridge 180 feet long and 16 feet wide. North of the bridge on the east side of the road was a large club house known as Burrows Camp. It was the scene of much revelry on weekends and holidays until it was destroyed by fire.

The drainage of the Kankakee by the Marble, Reeves, Cook and other ditches has in recent years been a controversial subject between those who claim that the construction of the vast network of ditches has resulted in thousands of acres of land being thrown open to cultivation, and those who claim that the destruction of wild life of the Kankakee territory for hunters and fisherman from all parts of the country removed one of nature's greatest works of art, and robbed Porter County of one of its greatest assets.

NAMING OF KOUTS

When surveyors, working for the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and St. Davis Railroad were working in the township, they looked for a place to stay. Mrs. Trinkle was busy at the time (she lived 1½ miles from the present location) and so she sent them on to board at Mrs. Kouts' home. The men designated this spot for a station and it was named after Mrs. Kouts and the town was laid out around it. In May 1867 it became known as Kouts station and then in November 1882, Kout and finally Kouts on December 10, 1889.

EARLY INDUSTRY

Very few attempts have been made to establish manufacturing enterprises in Kouts. Hackman erected a sawmill on the bank of the Kankakee River in the very early days but sold it in the 1870's.

H. A. Wright started a cheese factory about 1877, but shortly abandoned the undertaking. Jerry Ryan started an ax-handle factory, in 1887, which employed five or six men, but the lack of suitable timber discontinued the business.

Before the straightening of the Kankakee and the digging of dredge ditches which turned all the area into productive farm lands, the big business was the cutting and bailing of marsh hay.

Albright and Ely, representatives of the Elkart Lumber Company had a sawmill on East Mentor Street, but it was destroyed by a fire in the early 1920's. In 1915 a reed furniture basket factory was started by George Mroz in the Glissman building. From this building it moved to the Frazier Building. After a few years the factory moved to LaPorte. In the 1920's Dodson had a so called pickle factory in Kouts. The vats were located east of the Kouts Elevator along the Pennsylvania Railroad.

.... BUSINESSES ....

THE BANKS

The first bank building in Kouts was constructed in 1902 to house the "Bank of Kouts". This institution was sold to a group of citizens who formed the Porter County Band in 1909. When it was granted a state charter in 1919, it became known as the Porter County State Bank. In the later 1930's this bank was closed and the town remained without banking facilities until August 1945 when the Kouts State Bank was re-opened. It was in operation for two decades before it merged with the Farmers State Bank and Trust Co. which went into effect January 1, 1967. Finally on Thursday, September 19, 1968 a new bank building was opened for use and it has remained in use to this writing.

THE KOUTS CREAMERY

A group of townsmen and farmers led by a better business promoter pooled their resources and built the Kouts Creamery in 1912. Later it was sold out to Martin Walters whose sons continued the business. The building was shortly taken over by the Bowman Dairy in 1925. Farmers hauled milk for a radius of twenty miles to the dairy where it was tested, cooled, and piped into a thermos truck for its journey to Chicago. Ed Capouch was the first dairy manager.

Chris Daumer, owner and manager of the thermos trucks, bought and renovated the former Ford garage built by George Knoll. With newer methods of milk handling, Bowman Dairy closed in November of 1951. Heinold Elevator bought the building and uses it as a storage place.

.... HEINOLD OPERATIONS ....

HEINOLD ELEVATORS

In 1937 the Heinold family purchased the Kouts Roller Mills and after remodeling it put it into operation. The company expanded and in 1964 had elevators operating in Aylesworth, Knox, Boone, Grove, Rensselaer, and a Research and Feeder project at Kingsbury. Also in 1968 a feed mill was added to the company.

HEINOLD HOG MARKET

In 1950 Harold Heinold started a county hog buying station and in the first year 35,800 hogs went through the market. As other farmers in Indiana and Illinois heard about the market, they encouraged him to start hog buying markets in their localities. Then in 1955 there were five hog markets and 200,000 hogs went through the market. These markets were swiftly accepted and this established a policy of putting markets only where farmers ask for them. By 1960 five more markets had been added in Illinois and the volume swelled to over 1,000,000 a year. The markets provided a quick easy way to sell and buy hogs for the farmers and the farmers could get their money immediately upon delivering hogs. In 1966 it became the largest hog market in the world selling and buying 2.2 million hogs.

HEINOLD CATTLE MARKET

In late 1968 Heinold's started a cattle market which is now rapidly expanding handling about 200,000 head a year. In 1971 the operation was divided into two parts, feeder cattle for producers and fat cattle. Overall Heinold's operations in Kouts have provided a very im-

portant industry and an expanding area. In fact, recently Heinold's merged with an already famous company, DeKalb.

HORN'S CHOCOLATE

In 1960 Mr. Horn started a hand-poured candy shop with $300 and a bank loan of $1,000. When business became profitable, Horn turned it into a factory which now sells over 2 million pounds of chocolate a year. He has become a millionaire with his business spreading across the entire United States.

THE KOUTS POST OFFICE

According to records from the Federal Government, the first name of our town was Foster, and Peter C. Bonham was temporary postmaster.

On May 14, 1867 Hilary Wright was appointed postmaster of Kouts Station, a fourth class office. Sebastian Douglas succeeded Wright. Lyman Atkins was appointed on December 4, 1882 to Kouts. His office was in Dr. Atkins', his brother, drug store. On February 5, 1886 Jim O'Brian took up the duties in the store. Truman S. Caswell relieved Jim O'Brian and had the Post Office in a small building, office, and home combination across the alley from the old Post Office on what is now the Dittmer Property. On March 27, 1902, Charles Wolbrandt was appointed postmaster, and for the first time Kouts had an office in a building which was exclusively a Post Office.

On August 23, 1913, Burt Hofferth was awarded the job and it was during his tenure that the business outgrew its first building. A larger building was built just east of the old one. It was during these years that Kouts became a third class office. About every time politics changed there was a new postmaster. On November 1, 1953 Lester Rhymard was awarded the position and in 1955 the Post Office moved from its location of over half a century to its new home on State Road #49. With increased business due to growth of town and community, Kouts became a second class office in 1954.

In 1971 a new Post Office was built. It is a brick structure located on the corner of Elizabeth and Maple Street. It is a colonial style and has 1,920 square feet of interior space for the working area. The new Post Office officially opened for business on Monday, November 1, 1971.

.... CHURCHES ....

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Many realized a need of the First Baptist Church in January of 1960 when the First Baptist Church of Hobart offered assistance. Until the church was completed, services were held in Harold Heinold's and Pete Hudson's offices.

A French type building was constructed in the summer of 1960 in the southeast corner of Pleasant View Subdivision. During July of 1964 this building was converted into the parsonage. The construction of the first main unit of the church proper was completed in February 1965, and will be the place of worship until the main sanctuary can be built.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Southern Baptist Church opened and folded in the year 1974. It was located in the old Presbyterian Church across from the Catholic Church on State Road 8.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fahter Michael O'Reilly, of Valparaiso, took charge of the Kouts Catholic mission in August of 1864. Between 1864 and 1883 he came once in two months and then up to May 1887, once a month. As the few Catholics were too poor to build a church, the services were held in different residences.

In 1883 a meeting was called to build a church and about $700 was subscribed. A church dinner was held for the same purpose on July 24, 1884. Father O'Reilly then bought the present church lots. Soon afterward the frame church was built where the rectory is now. Father O'Reilly had great hopes that the congregation would soon be large enough to have a resident pastor, therefore the church was built in such a manner that it could easily be converted to a schoolhouse.

From then on Father O'Reilly administered spiritual care and held services for the members of the church once a month until May of 1887. The tornado of May 26, 1917 completely destroyed the church; services were held for nearly a year in the old Kouts High School. A new church was built in April of 1918 at a cost of about $7000. Services were being held in the old Community Hall during the building of the present church which was begun in February 1926. The new church costing approximately $24,000 was dedicated October 31, 1926. Kouts again was struck by a cyclone on May 28, 1935 which did minor damage to the church when a tree toppled against the west side of the building necessitating repair work.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In the spring of 1885, after more than a dozen people were baptized to Christ, Ellis B. Cross, Lyman Atkins, and Joseph Barnes expressed the need of a Christian Church in Kouts. Mrs. Rose Yoder donated ground on which a frame church was constructed. The church was finished and dedicated in 1887, facing north on State Road 8.

On May 26, 1917, a cyclone which struck Kouts, leveled the Christian Church. The congregation met elsewhere until the new church was built. It was completed and ready for dedication March 17, 1919. The parsonage was built from salvaged material of the Gem Theater. It was constructed south of the present church. The present Christian Church was ready for dedication on April 18, 1971 and was built on Poland Avenue.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The first Lutheran worship service in Kouts was held in August of 1873. Often services were held, usually on Sunday afternoons, in the homes of various members.

The first Lutheran Church—the first church in Pleasant Township—was dedicated at a cost of $600 on the first Sunday in September 1880. This frame building served as the Parish Hall until it was torn down in the fall of 1973. The present brick church was dedicated December 13, 1908. It was built at the cost of $3500.

HOPEWELL MENNONITE CHURCH

The first worship services of the Mennonites were held in homes or in the Lauer School. Bishop J. C. Birky of Hopedale, Illinois guided the congregation in establishing the Hopewell Mennonite Church. (In naming it Hopewell he said, "We Hope well for the new church.") A new church was built where the large communications tower stands one mile south of Kouts. It was dedicated September 28, 1919.

In 1949, the Hopewell congregation decided to start a Sunday School service in the English Lake vicinity where there was no church at that time, and obtained the English Lake School for that purpose. In 1952, plans were made for a new church building. The present church is located on State Road 49 on the North edge of Kouts on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Birky. The church was dedicated October 26, 1952.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KOUTS

The First Presbyterian Congregation built a church in 1855. It was built with the understanding that other denominations should have free use of the house of worship at times when the Presbyterians were not using it. This first church was in the town of Tassinong. As the town was gradually abandoned, the church closed and the congregation reorganized in Kouts. The building itself was moved here and later used as a family dwelling.

Presbyterians then held services in O'Briens Hall. Soon the group began a fund raising campaign to be used in building a church. In 1936 the need for more room was felt and a house was moved in and added on the north side. A big cookstove was installed and a social center was then available to its members.

For lack of attendance the church was closed in the early 40's and due to efforts of numerous people the church was reorganized and opened for service in 1948. August 1, 1971 the ground breaking ceremonies were held for the Presbyterian Church. The first shovelsful of earth were turned by members of the congregation. The first worship service at the new site was held out of doors. The Service of Dedication was held June 11, 1972 at 10 a.m.

. . . .DOCTORS OF MEDICINE IN KOUTS . . . .

DENTISTRY

The first dentist was Dr. Hiel and he resided in Kouts in the early 1900's. He was succeeded by Dr. Charles L. Bartholomeu of Valparaiso in 1912. Dr. Bartholomeu worked one day a week in Kouts. Then Dr. Frank Ling of Hebron took over, again for only one day a week. He was followed by Dr. Myers in 1915 who used Dr. Hill's offices. He was the son-in-law of the Christian minister, Mr. Whitt. In the 1920's Dr. G. R. Conover from Valparaiso served Kouts one day a week from his offices on Mentor Street. From then until 1960 Kouts was aided by dentists from Valparaiso, Hebron, La Crosse, Wanatah, Wheatfield, and North Judson.

On September 1, 1960 Dr. Robert E. Hott opened his office in the Runyan building on the East side of Main Street and in 1962 moved to the new Medical Arts Building.

OPTOMETRY

In 1963 Dr. John Wright opened an office in the Medical Arts Building in which he attended to patients one day a week. Currently Dr. Larry Sayer has office hours in Kouts.

Various doctors of medicine have appeared in history and in quick review we will rename them: Dr. Adtkins, Dr. Ibach, Dr. Killag, Dr. Welch, Dr. Sprague, Dr. McKee, Dr. Ellis, Dr. Hockett, and Dr. Chevigny. Then in 1912 from Charleston, Illinois came Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Dittmer and son Jack. He began practicing medicine in an office over Cunningham's Store. His skill especially as a diagnostician, his wit and humor and great compassion endeared him to his patients. His sons, Jack and Tom, are both outstanding physicians and surgeons maintining a joint office in Valparaiso while Jack also has an office in Kouts.

. . . . SCHOOLS . . . .

As most of the earliest settlers located in the eastern part of Pleasant Township between the county line and Crooked Creek, it should be obvious that the first school would be in that area. In 1838 a small log school house was erected on Section 13, Township 33, Range 5, a short distance south of where the Pennsylvania railroad entered Porter County in 1864. It was built by the patrons of the school and had the customary clay fireplace and greased paper windows. A pioneer teacher said that these windows possessed a great advantage over glass ones, in that they admitted light but prevented lazy pupils from gazing out the windows instead of studying. A larger schoolhouse was erected upon the same section a little later. Several years later a frame schoolhouse, the first in the township, was built on Dunn's Bridge Road running past the Sommers and Olsen's homes across the road and midway between. It was called the Bowman School since the Thornton Bowman family lived in a house directly across the road from it.

Another log schoolhouse was erected the same year, 1838, on Section 13, Township 33, Range 6 about a mile and a half west of the present town of Kouts. It was

built by the cooperative labor of the patrons and at the first term in the fall of that year eleven scholars were enrolled. Perhaps this was the Spencer School. No record of the early patrons could be found.

In the early 1880's old Morrison School became overcrowded so the patrons bought the Ellis School which was not being used due to lack of pupils. It was located on the corner of the Ed Ellis farm, a mile east and a mile north of Kouts across the road from the Harley Birky home. They moved it on skids to a site on the east-west road near the Wilcox farms southeast of the Morrison School.

Due to the dilapidated condition of the Bowman School, and a change in population, a new block stone school was built in 1904 on land leased from the McWilliams Land Company. It had a large room that often accommodated forty or more pupils in all the grades. It was located just across the road from Chriss Pfledderer's home and was called Lauer School because Peter Lauer was the earliest settler in that community.

In 1880 a committee composed of Abraham Stowell, Fred Hamann, Henry Smith, and William Miller drove to the Court House in Valparaiso to petition for a school in that area. Since this was in the far southeast corner of Pleasant Township it necessitated a journey of over twenty miles over dirt roads and a full days time. Chairman Stowell agreed to donate the land and by the fall of 1880 a frame building was readied for school on the southwest corner of the Stowell farm. The site is diagonally across from the present site of the Baptist Children's Home.

Through the years Stowell was the school to which beginning teachers always were sent to work out their apprenticeship. Practice teaching was unheard of prior to 1927 and to be a teacher, principal, janitor, and arbiter in a country school really tested the mettle of an aspiring candidate for teaching. The enrollment averaged in the 30's and 40's for all eight grades.

While several school buildings in the township burned out of existence, the old Five Points School was so badly damaged in the cyclone of 1917 that it was necessary to build a new one. The old frame structure was moved and a brick structure replaced it on a site diagonally across the road.

With further settling of the Kankakee marsh land a new school was needed 2 miles south of Kouts which was built of brick and ready for use in the fall of 1917. It was called Cook since the Cook brothers took over the McWilliam Land Company and developed the area.

Prior to 1894 the schools were in the hands of a school board composed of patrons of their respective schools. This board was in complete charge of the school, hiring and firing the teacher, keeping the building in repair, furnishing the fuel, etc. One of the conservative members replaced broken window panes with sheets of galvanized steel because the children could not break them. Eyestrain was unheard of.

With consolidation in 1937 the Stowell School was moved and made into a residence occupied by the Lloyd Miller family. Marshall Grove and Five Points were converted into residences on their original sites. Lauer, Morrison, and Cook were razed and the sites reverted to the owner on whose land they were located. The old Kouts School, located across the street from the present Kouts High School, was purchased and used as a storage space. Through the years, with much effort and determination apartments have been and are still being built in the building.

Despite all the seeming deprivation of the district schools those pupils enjoyed a privilege from 1914 to 1918 not offered today. There was a music and art teacher who visited every school on a regular schedule. In the art course such mediums as scissors and paste, crayons, charcoal and water colors were used. The work was all free hand and was directed according to the best art practices.

When the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad was built in 1881 the patrons feared for the safety of their children so close to the "iron horse". Their anxiety over a period of years resulted in the second school building in the town of Kouts. It was a two story four room building and stood on the southwest corner of State Road 49 and Elizabeth Street. The first building was moved across the Erie Railroad to the present site of the water tower. Here it was added to and made into the "Hunter's Home" a hotel that accommodated some of the many hunters that invaded the Kankakee area during the hunting season.

This second building was destroyed by fire on March 9, 1896, a fire that threatened to destroy all the buildings in the block. People had their belongings packed and ready to go but throwing water on their roofs with buckets managed to save them. The classes that term were finished in O'Briens Hall for the older children while the first and second grades attended school in the old Catholic Church.

The first brick school building was completed in time for school in the fall of 1896. It had four large rooms, two upstairs and two downstairs. The building was constructed at a cost of $5000. It was built to house the first eight grades and was soon inadequate. In 1906 an addition of two rooms and two hallways was made. In 1910 it became a commissioned high school. In 1914 a domestic science room was built in the basement.

With the large rooms upstairs divided and the office used as a classroom this building served the pupils of District 2 as a grade school and the entire township as a high school until 1937. High school pupils from the southern part of Morgan Township also attended high school in Kouts until their own building was completed in 1922.

The history of the attempts of the people of Pleasant Township to modernize their plant, was for many years that of failure and disappointment, one after another. With each new attempt, always something conspired to block it. A bank failure in 1927 impounding township funds, loss of interest during the depression, and the death through accident of a trustee and advisory board member followed by an advisory board unfavorable to building a new school were the leading factors. The first successful step in the direction of a new school plant was taken in 1929 by Trustee Jerome Bartholomew when

he purchased a twenty-one acre tract of land in the southeast part of town in the Hodgins Division.

Since funds were not available for an entire grade and high school plant and by constitutional limitation, the township could not be bonded in excess of two percent of its taxable property, plans were pushed forward for the erection of just a high school. The elementary grades were still to be housed in the old building.

An architect was employed and plans prepared for the new high school. With these plans in hand, Architect Brook, Trustee Jerome Bartholomew, and Eli Kruell, Chairman of the Advisory Board, motored to Indianapolis to confer with state department officials relative to the new building. While driving through Indianapolis the architect's car had a collision with a street car resulting in the death of Mr. Bartholomew and Mr. Kruell and the end of the proposed building program. For when the advisory board was reorganized as the result of Mr. Kuell's death, a majority of the new board were opposed to the erection of a new building.

In the fall of 1934 the trustee and advisory board were in perfect agreement on the necessity of a new school plant. The newly organized Public Works Administration came into being at this time with its offer of 45 percent grants to communities that wished to take advantage of them. Again an architect was employed because the Public Works Administration would not consider an application for a grant of funds until pencil sketches of the proposed project were submitted by a licensed architect. Accordingly, Callix Miller of South Bend was awarded the architect's contract contingent on the grant of federal funds. After many surveys, reports, communications, and conferences the application for funds was granted.

Finally, in March 1936, the general construction contract was awarded to the J. I. Barnes Construction Company of Logansport, Indiana. Construction was begun on May 1, 1936 and completed in August of 1937. When it opened in September 1937, a combination grade and high school, the enrollment was 402 with 209 in the first six grades and 193 in the upper six. Brick, concrete and steel were used to produce a fire resistant building. Unlike so many school buildings of this era with a combination auditorium and gymnasium, the new school provided them separately. The auditorium is at the center front, the gymnasium at the center rear with a beautiful corridor between, with its cathedral arches and appropriate lighting. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 460. The gymnasium has a seating capacity of 405 in the balcony and space for a few hundred more by the use of movable bleachers on the gym floor.

Upon the completion of the school term in May 1937 all the district schools were closed and the pupils were brought by busses to the newly consolidated school whose faculty consisted of 6 grade teachers and 6 high school teachers with Mr. Charles McMurtry as principal. As such it served Kouts and Pleasant Township until 1951 when a new shop and two classrooms were constructed in a separate building southeast of the main building costing $68,000. The original shop was converted into a kitchen cafeteria.

By 1958 overcrowded conditions in the 1937 building were acute and caused the polling of public opinion concerning more building. Open meetings were held and most everyone agreed that more classroom space was sorely needed. Work was begun in May 1959 to add twelve classrooms, an all purpose room, kitchen, lounge, boiler room and janitor's room and storage space. It was of modern design and joined the shop and original building with closed corridors, and it was ready for occupancy in November 1959. It cost approximately $220,000. In 1964 overcrowded conditions in the cafeteria necessitated expansion of the existing room and while building, a band room was added on the second floor. Construction was begun in 1964 and opened for use.

. . . THE FIGHT AND OTHER HISTORICAL EVENTS . . .

On March 31, 1889 the worlds featherweight boxing championship fight took place in O'Briens Hall. Prize fighting was outlawed in Chicago and through the influence of some of Kouts citizens, with Chicago connections, the fight was brought to Kouts. Arrangements were carefully made—the justice of the peace was taken for a ride to Valparaiso—the special train on the Erie with its cargo of contestants puffed into the side track. Frank Murphy of England and Ike Weir, the Belfast Spider, 100 Chicagoans, men in high silk hats and tails speedily made their way to the hall.

It was midnight when the fighters climbed into the ring, donned skin tight gloves and went to work for $1500 and the title. Three hours and 60 rounds went by and it still had not been won. At 4 a.m. Weir the Irish champion was weakening. Weir rallied and at 80 rounds, as neither could stand well they called the fight a draw. They made their way back to the waiting train and left town after the history making event.

Mike O'Brien and his helpers hastily tidied up the hall so that it would be ready for Methodist church services on Sunday morning. The Methodists were incensed at such use of their church but Mr. O'Brien, an enterprising man, retorted that he'd gotten more rent for the one night than the church goers paid in a year. The famous hall with the store and locker plant operated by William Hefron as the Royal Blue Store was destroyed by fire on October 28, 1954.

In September 1887 a Chicago and Atlantic passenger train was standing at Sandy Hook Ditch taking water when a Wabash freight train smashed into it, telescoping the passenger train. No one knows how many were killed but the injured were brought to the old Kouts Hotel on the east side of Main Street operated by Millers. Every room was filled and the town women, Mrs. Henry Herring, Mrs. George Wolbrandt and daughter, Minnie, Mrs. Henrietta Kouts, and Mrs. Ben Anderson, went in and cheerfully helped in caring for them until they were again able to travel to their homes. One case was especially pathetic—that of a young boy whose parents died at the scene of the wreck. The railroad company wanted the Millers to keep him and they would repay them generously. Since Mr. Miller was a Civil War veteran and then an old man, he could not accept such

responsibility. Litigation following the wreck caused the bankruptcy of the Chicago Atlantic Railroad. Thereafter, the road bed and rolling stock were taken over by the Erie.

.... FIRE DEPARTMENT ....

In the April 25, 1921 meeting a resolution was proposed for the purchase of a triple tank chemical engine out fit from Obenchain-Bauer Co. of Logansport, Indiana for the sum of $2075 with Cannon and Peters Ford Dealers of Kouts to furnish a Fordton truck chassis with self starter for the sum of $682. The resolution was passed, the outfit purchased, and put into service on May 5, 1921. In the following years, 1930, 1946, 1965, and 1972 new trucks were acquired by the town.

The Fire Department was on a voluntary basis and Paul Gordon, Gust Rosenbaum, August Vergin, Burney Maxwell, and Herman Chael were names listed in the department's infancy. The first fire fought by the department with the new truck was that of the Fred Heinold residence on August 4, 1921.

.... THE PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ....

In October 1948 excitement was on a rampage through Kouts and great were the preparations for the arrival of the train which carried President Truman. Finally, the greatly anticipated day arrived and school was dismissed for the occasion. Thus the townspeople and the students created a sizeable crowd near the Erie Depot. The train arrived and President and Mrs. Truman with their daughter Margaret came out on the rear platform of the train. Truman declined to make a speech saying "I've said too much already." However friendliness was radiated between the family and the townspeople, as the day ended with great exhileration.

....RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION ....

Rail service at Kouts is provided by two lines. The Logansport Division of the Pennsylvania line, P.C.C. & St. L. R.R. which was built through here in 1865, was the beginning of the town.

The Chicago and Atlantic Railroad built through Kouts was begun in 1881 and the first trains ran over it on December 25, 1883. The work had been hampered by the stretch of wet marsh land between Clanricarde and Wilders where all the roadbed had to be built with wheelbarrows and shovels. Very little work could be done with horses as they were too heavy. The 1887 wreck at Sandy Hook Ditch caused the bankruptcy of the Chicago and Atlantic. The Pennsylvania double tracked in 1904 and the Erie in 1916. Each road ran two accommodation trains each way daily. And with the Erie crossing the Pennsylvania in Kouts, operators and lever men have always held important and responsible positions.

.... COMMUNICATIONS ....

THE KOUTS TIMES

The name Kouts Times was chosen by the Kouts Chamber of Commerce for this newspaper in August of 1950. The name was submitted by Miss Marilyn Danford, now Mrs. Frank Holzapfel, Jr. of Kouts, to a contest sponsored by the Kouts Chamber of Commerce. The contest's objective was to find a more suitable name for the new Kouts paper. This local newspaper was brought to Kouts by Mr. Maurice Mason, who has served the community well and continues to do so.

RADIO RELAY TOWER

Another link in the nation's growing web of defense and civilian communications is that of the microwave radio relay system which stretches from the east to the west coast. In Illinois these towers are located at Winnebago, Lee, Norway, Bonfield, and Momence, and in Indiana at Kouts and LaPorte.

At the present time many of the nation's transcontinental telephone circuits pass through Chicago. The new radio route will carry calls around Chicago which is a safety factor in national defense if the telephone equipment in Chicago should be destroyed. Each tower has antennas which send radio waves to the next tower and gather them in from the previous one. They simply amplify the waves in order for them to go on. Each antenna can carry as many as 20,000 telephone conversations at one time. The tower at Kouts was built in 1956 and stands 340 feet high.

....CLUBS ....

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion was organized in 1920 under the leadership of Luther B. Wise. It was named the William Radilyack Post since he was the first veteran that Kouts lost from its ranks—not in active duty but the result of a traffic accident near Kouts.

KOUTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This was the first established men's business group in Kouts. It was organized on May 22, 1944. The first president of this club was Carol Root. This organization is interested in community improvements in the town.

Some of the accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce alone or in cooperation with other civic groups in and around Kouts are; bank organization, widening and paving of Main Street, lighting of the softball diamond, Highways #8 and #49, subdivision growth, town planning, cummulative sewer fund, industrial foundation, street lighting and utility improvement, and the starting of the local newspaper.

FARM BUREAU

Farm Bureau is the voice of agriculture in Indiana and in the United States. It is an organization of Farmers. It is a voluntary, non-government, non-sectarian, and is non-partisan in development of its policies, working with both political parties in getting its programs into action. Farm Bureau's programs and social events are aimed at improving the economic and social environment of farmers and improving their net income. The Farm Bureau was organized in 1919 in Pleasant Township. Its first president was O. B. Wells.

LAMPLIGHTERS HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Lamplighters Home Demonstration Club was organized on October 18, 1949. The first president of this club was Marge Lippert. There have been many interesting lessons presented to the club such as; glove making, effective speech, reupholstering, and cake decoration. In January 1961 the Lamplighters helped organize a sister club in Kouts, the Starlighters.

KOUTS LIONS CLUB

The Kouts Lions Club was chartered on Thursday, February 4, 1960. The first president of this club was H. P. Hudson. The Lions Club have sponsored and participated in many community projects.

THE MORRISON COMMUNITY CLUB

The Morrison Community Club was organized in May, 1911. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Tillotson. A few of the activities engaged in through the years are; quilting, tying comforters, sewing for the needy of the locality and helping members in time of sickness and sorrow. The first president of this club was Mrs. Emil Lippert.

THE KOUTS NEIGHBORS HOME ECONOMIC CLUB

The Kouts Neighbors Home Economic Club was organized in 1931. The first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Herman Chael. This club ceased meeting but was reorganized in 1942 and since has shown continuous growth and interest. The first president of this club was Mrs. Junior Miller.

PI EPSILON KAPPA SORORITY

A group of young Catholic women met on August 8, 1947 to organize the Pi Epsilon Kappa Catholic Sorority. The first president was Mrs. William Hefron. The first meeting of each month was devoted to the study of the Catholic faith, and the second a social meeting. All money raised by Pi Epsilon Kappa Chapter is used for charitable works.

QUAD COUNTY ORGAN CLUB

The Quad County Organ Club was organized April 29, 1962. This club was organized for interested organ players. The president elected to serve the new organization was Mr. John W. Selman of Kouts.

STARLIGHTERS HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Starlighters Home Demonstration Club was started in February of 1962. Serving the Club as first year president was Mrs. Harold Fritz.

THE KOUTS WOMANS CLUB

The Kouts Womans Club was organized in 1909 by three prominent women of the community, Mrs. H. V. Deopker, Mrs. Frank O'Brian, and Mrs. C. P. Hockett. They sent invitational cards to all women who might be interested. The meeting was set for May 21, 1909 at O'Brians Hall in Kouts. The first president of this organization was Mrs. J. J. Overmeyer.

In the beginning the purpose of this club was social. In 1921 they joined the Federation of Woman's Clubs. The overall objective of the Federation is human welfare and as such they contribute to; Student Loan Funds, Latin-American Fellowship, Red Cross, Penny Art Fund, and many other worth while causes.

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1. Chesterton Tribune
2. Gary Post Tribune
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. . . .INDIANS. . . .

The first persons who inhabited Porter County were the prehistoric race known as Mound Builders. They took their name from their peculiar habit of tossing mounds of earth. The only mound found in the northern part of the county was in the village of McCool, on the east side of the main highway and near the south edge of the village. This had been excavated by the owner, Mr. J. S. Robbins and the dirt hauled away in the early 1900's.

There is much speculation as to who the first white explorers were in this area. It may have been Marquette, Joliet, Hennepin or De la Croix. When the first white men came to this area, the Wea Indians lived here. The Wea Indians were pushed south by another tribe of Indians, the Potawatomis.

The Indian word Potawatomi (Pot-a-wa-to-mi) means "people of the place of fire". Nobody knows where they got their name but many people think it was because the sand was made so hot by the sun. The Potawatomi were a wild and war-loving tribe of Indians. They were a branch of the great Algonquin Nation which originally lived in the eastern part of the United States but were driven westward by the stronger Iroquois and Hurons. They were constantly losing many of their men in battle and never grew to be a large or strong tribe. Only a few hundred of them lived in our county and they never held full control of their hunting grounds. Other tribes, the Illini especially, were always disputing their rights to the wonderful game fields of the Calumet. The great chief Pokagon and his tribe of Potawatomis established a village near what is now the intersection of U. S. #12 and Crisman Road. The Indians used the area as a hunting ground. They had no written language but some of their words were learned by the early settlers and have been handed down to us. "Chick-i-a-go" means "all gone" and is where we get our word "Chicago" which originally included all the region at the end of the lake, including Porter County.

. . . .JOSEPH BAILLY. . . .

In the year 1822, Joseph Bailly was the first known white settler of this area. He was an educated French fur-trader who built his home on the north bank of the Calumet River.

He ran a trading post and was very successful in his business. Bailly was fair to the Indians and they liked him, coming from the south and west to trade with him. His trading post was the most important place in the Calumet Region. It was near two great Indian trails. The Sauk and Potawatomi Trail were the best ways for the people to travel. Many Indians and white men used these trails. The Potawatomi Trail was the main trail between Chicago , Illinois and Detroit, Michigan. As more and more people would stop for the night at Mr. Bailly's home, additions were made. He was to become the first hotelkeeper of the Dunes.

TOPOGRAPHY

The topography and surface soil of Portage Township was set by nature millions of years ago.

In the glacial era the climate became as cold as Greenland is today. Great glaciers formed in Canada east of Hudson Bay and gradually slipped down over the area. The land was covered with a coat of ice and snow 300 to 1,000 feet thick.

The cause of this phenomenon is not definite. One theory is that the sea rushed rapidly into some spot where the surface had sunk below sea level. This disturbed the stability of the earth and swung it out of its former position in its orbit and changed the location of the North Pole. It would seem that the Pole at this time was located in the Atlantic Ocean near Iceland which would bring its cold climate over North America and Europe while Asia enjoyed a warmer temperature. Whatever happened was done suddenly because the forests which were growing did not have time to decay.

The last great glacier of the northern hemisphere extended as far south as Valparaiso, leaving its terminal moraine in that region. Part of this moraine, about two miles in width, extends into Portage Township and includes a portion of Twenty-Mile Prairie. This glacier gouged out a great basin, and after its recession this basin was filled with water, forming Lake Chicago. Lake Chicago was about sixty feet higher than Lake Michigan, and the northern border extended south to where Lincoln Highway now is; Portage Township was under water at that time. As Lake Chicago gradually receded, sand and silt were deposited, building up the present soil of this area. Several beaches apparently were formed during the recession of this larger lake.

As the ice melted and the northern outlet was opened, the water drained in the opposite direction. Old Lake Chicago turned into Lake Michigan. The southern end retreated by stages finally reaching its present beach leaving the northern part of our county as dry land.

The vegetation of the community offers many varieties of plants particularly in the dunes region. In a short distance can be seen plants of the desert, the deep woods, the swamp, the oak woods and the prairie with various grasses.

According to records, a bear and a cub were killed in the northern part of the township in 1838. A few wolves and foxes were seen until people, railroads and highways drove most of them out. In the area woodchucks, red and gray squirrels, gophers, opossum, skunks, mink, rabbits, raccoon and flying squirrels can be found.

Birds in the community that are year round are crow, blue jay, junco and sparrows. Some of the migratory birds are the robin, wren, bluebird, goldfinch, meadowlark, morning dove, various woodpeckers, cardinal, Baltimore oriole and song sparrow. A few birds rest here only for a short time as they make their way north or south such as the geese, duck and scarlet tanager.

. . . . EARLY HISTORY . . . .

After Joseph Bailly, several white settlers came t the area that is now known as Portage Township. In th year 1833 Samuel Putman Robbins came on horseba from Hocking County, Ohio and settled on the bank a small creek which he named Squirrel Creek. He home steaded the 160 acres on what is now known as Robbin Road between McCool Road and Indiana 149 and be tween the city of Portage and the town of South Haven When the government land sale was held in 1835 a South Bend, he received the title to his land. The dee was signed by President Jackson and Robbins paid $1.2 per acre for the 160 acres.

The land west of this 160 acres in Portage Township over to the Lake County Line, was mostly level prairi land and was named Twenty Mile Prairie because it wa 20 miles from Michigan City where the only post offic and trading center was located. Postage on a letter wa twenty-five cents and payable on delivery by the recei er. Conditions were hard for the other pioneers, Williar Holmes and Jacob Blake who arrived that year. Cabin were built from logs without nails; greased paper wa used for the windows and quilts with sticks were acros the doors. All supplies had to be brought from Michiga City. Even matches were a luxury, selling for 12½¢ dozen.

In the spring of 1834, Jacob Wolf located his clai and built his squatter's cabin on the northern edge Twenty Mile Road. Wolf eventually owned five dai farms. Later, Lewis and Joseph D. Robbins, father an uncle respectively, of Joseph S. Robbins, bought the Wo estate which consisted of 1,345 acres where South Ha en is now located. In the same year Berrett Door, Re ben Hurlburt, R. and Wilford Parrott and two Spurloc brothers located claims within its boundaries. Other ear settlers included William McCool, Benjamin James an his son Allen. Also, the families of Blake, Palmer, Sun mer, Ritter, Curtis, Peck, Hurl, Lenburg, Fifield, Crisma Krieger, Nicholson, Samuelson and Hamstrom.

In March of 1836, Porter County was created and month later it was divided into ten townships. It thought that Portage derived its name from the forme home of some of the early settlers from Portage Count Ohio. The first Portage Township election was held le than three weeks later at the house of Jacob Wolf wit James Spurloch as inspector.

Portage was originally located in the northwestern pa of the county and contained 30 square miles. Being perfect rectangle, it was bounded on the north by Wes chester and Liberty Townships and on the west by La County. Now, Lake Michigan is the northern boundar In February of 1850, a two mile strip was transferre from Westchester Township and added to Portage Tow ship. The present area of Portage Township is locate in the northwest corner of Porter County in northweste Indiana. More than twenty square miles of territory a included within the corporate limits.

Main east-west highways U. S. #12, U. S. #20 an U. S. #6 provide excellent transportation facilities. Th

Indiana East-West Toll Road, the "Main Street of the Midwest," traverses the town and has nearby interchanges. An interchange between the Toll Road I-94 and the Tri-State Expressway, I-80 and I-90, connecting the metropolitan area of Chicago with the nearby state of Michigan runs through the city of Portage. An interchange is located at Crisman Road, R. 249.

. . . . TRANSPORTATION . . . .

In 1825 need was felt for a mail route between Detroit and Fort Dearborn. The first regular mail service was in 1831. The mail was carried in a knapsack on the back of a soldier. Later ponies were used and still later stage coaches carried the mail.

In 1833 the first stage route was started and soon the need came for the improvement of roads. Remnants of the original stage route still exist in Portage and is known as Old Stage Coach Road. This route crossed the north end of Portage Township from Michigan City to Chicago with a stop-over in Portage.

The east and west road which leads from the south edge of McCool to Calvary Cemetery was petitioned for and granted in January, 1856 and the present Samuelson north and south road was approved the same year. Both of these roads are now hard surfaced. The majority of the roads came into existence in the late 1800's.

RAILROADS

W. A. Briggs, one of the best informed men on Porter County history, wrote an interesting article on the Underground Railroad called Crisman Station. The following segments of his article will be of interest to all history buffs.

For many years before the Civil War numerous slaves escaped from their masters in the South and made their way northward through the Free States. Their destination was Canada, which was at that time a "free" country. Some of these slaves succeeded in escaping while many were caught by the slave-hunters and returned to bondage. It should be noted that the use of railroads was important for rapid escape for the runaway slaves. In 1896 it took one and one-half hours to make the trip from Crisman to Valparaiso with a good horse in good weather.

Those who did escape were usually aided by friendly Abolitionists throughout the North who took them from one home or "station" to another during the night and hid them away during the next day. The concealment was often so thorough that all trace of the fugitive was completely lost to the slave hunters.

Porter County had several means of escape and one stopping place was located about a half mile from the village of Crisman. It was on the northeast corner of the intersection of Crisman Road and U. S. 20. Here a frame building of four rooms was built in 1857 by a Mr. Smith who used it as a home for himself and family. The real purpose of this house was to aid the runaway slaves in their break for freedom. Mr. Smith disappeared and no trace of who financed him, where he came from, or where he went have ever been learned.

The two main rooms of this house were built over a double log cellar and in the floor of each room was a trap door. One or the other was always covered with a rag carpet. Each door led into a separate compartment of the cellar.

Often during the early hours of the morning, a load of corn, hay or groceries might be seen arriving at this home. The driver and proprietor would engage in conversation to see if it was safe to unload the slaves. The driver carried the slaves, wrapped in blankets, from the wagon into the cellar so no trace of the runaways could be detected even by blood-hounds. After a hearty meal they were concealed in one of the cellars so that they would be ready for another lap of their journey during the following night.

In 1852 the Michigan Central Railroad was built connecting Chicago with New York. It is now part of the New York Central system. By 1874 two new railroads started building through Portage. The Peninsular, later called the Grand Trunk; and the Baltimore, Pittsburg and Chicago, finally known as the Baltimore and Ohio, were the railroads.

A problem developed when the Baltimore and Ohio decided to cross the existing Michigan Central Railroad at Willow Creek in Portage Township. The Michigan Central Railroad objected to this crossing. The law at this time required all trains on both roads to come to a complete stop at each surface crossing. Michigan Central did not want to stop at this point because it would increase the cost of operation. The "right of eminent domain" was by this time well established in railroad building. The Michigan Central was determined to fight this procedure on the ground of "unnecessary expense".

The Battle of Joy's Run was held in Portage on Willow Creek in 1874. Michigan Central decided they would disregard court orders and barricaded the tracks with six hundred men. These men were instructed and drilled in their duties by several officers of the railroad with President Joy as their leader. The B & O appealed to the Porter County sheriff and it was soon evident that the job was too serious to be handled by the local forces so a call was made to Governor Hendricks for state aid. The appearance of hundreds of Indiana Guards made a bloody battle seem inevitable, but the matter was taken care of quietly and peacefully. The Baltimore and Ohio completed their trunk lines through Portage.

Today Portage is served by five trunk line railroads and two belt line railroads which offer extraordinary transportation service. The railroads of today are:

1. The New York Central Railroad
2. The Michigan Central Division of the New York Central System
3. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
4. The Wabash Railroad (Norfolk and Western Railroad)
5. The Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad
6. The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
7. The Indiana Harbor Belt Line Railroad

A history of the Township would not be complete without a mention of an airport which was located on the land

of Glen Robbins. It was first established in 1924 as an emergency landing field for the air route between Chicago and Cleveland. Later it was moved to a new location which bordered U. S. 6 on the land of R. Crisman. Air travel is handy to the residents of Portage today. Within a few miles of Portage are the Valparaiso, Hobart and Gary Airports. O'Hare is approximately ninety minutes away.

. . . . CHURCHES AND CEMETERIES . . . .

A young community always established schools and churches as soon as possible. In Portage, other buildings were used for worship at first. In 1852 the first church built in Portage was a Presbyterian Church, erected at a cost of eight hundred dollars. Mr. S. P. Robbins built the church and furnished all the material and money except about one hundred sixty dollars which was raised by subscription. After the church was completed, it was deeded to the elders of the church, S. P. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. B. Stoddard, Francis James, Emily James, Russell Door, Daniel Richardson, Mrs. Leter and sister. Rev. J. Brown was the first pastor. Eventually the Methodists acquired possession of the building which was located about half a mile south of the village of McCool.

The Methodist Church located at McCool, was first organized in 1855 near the present site of Crisman. Mr. McCool was the main factor in the construction of this small house which served as a church. This structure was used later by the German Lutheran Church who officially organized the Portage in 1890.

The Mission Church of Garyton and East Gary is the oldest church of that community. The land was donated to the church by C. J. Johnson in 1873. The first trustees were: J. P. Melon, Johannes Malmstone, Peter Gustafson and C. J. Larson. In 1929 the congregation decided to merge with and become a member of the Swedish Evangelical Mission Covenant of America. The old church building was completely destroyed by fire on December 19, 1929 but church services were continued in the Garyton School and at the home of Mrs. Malmstone. The new church building was completed and dedicated on February 28, 1932.

The Hope Lutheran Church located at Crisman was organized in 1893-94. First services at the church were conducted Thanksgiving Day, 1895 by the Rev. H. W. Young of Chicago. In 1896 a constitution was drawn up and signed by Mr. Mahns, Nels Nicholson, Sam Nicholson, Carl O. Johnson, Peter Wilberg and R. C. Wilberg. The first house of worship was dedicated in 1898 and pastors were supplied by neighboring congregations. When the Ohio Synod assumed charge of the field in 1900 pastors were sent from Chicago and Michigan City.

Another pioneer church, the United Brethren Church, was established in Garyton. D. F. Blake presented the community with the necessary ground. The church was dedicated on April 27, 1930.

In 1929, the Franciscan Fathers established a monastery in the south end of Portage Township. Within five years they built a Friary and a beautiful shrine to perpetuate the love of the founder, St. Francis of Assisi. This shrine today is known as Seven Dolors Shrine. Judge Fetterhoff donated the land for this shrine. Much of Seven Dolors Shrine was built during the Great Depression by Slovaks from Whiting and East Chicago who donated their labor because they were out of work. The workers, who came for a week at a time, built the Friary in 1934, constructed the Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes in 1938 and completed the retreat house and gift shop in 1940.

In 1933, the area now known as Portage Township had only five churches. No new churches were established until 1953, but the number of churches in the township had increased to thirty-five by May, 1975. Nearly all the churches had humble beginnings in homes, schools or gymnasiums. Most Portage Township churches were established in the late 1950's or early 1960's, when the construction of the steel mills began drawing people into the area. The population growth and the establishment of churches is in a continuous growth pattern throughout the developing communities in the city of Portage.

CEMETERIES

When S. P. Robbins donated land and aided in the construction of the Presbyterian Church, he also donated one acre of land for burial purposes. This cemetery is located about one mile southeast of McCool and about one-fourth mile east of the Robbins' home. There are seven soldiers interred, one Revolutionary and six Civil War veterans. S. P. Robbins lies within the family burial ground together with several other pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. William Babcock, a soldier and his wife, and Mr. Ashton.

One of the earlier graveyards of Portage Township is located one mile north of Robbins' Cemetery. It was founded in 1836 by an unknown person. This graveyard also has the distinction of entombing some of the pioneers of Portage Township, Allen James, 1838, Levenia James, 1845, who are the children of Russell and Emeline Door. (The Doors were the first couple married in Portage.) Also buried were, Bathanna Wolfe, 1868, and Jacob Wolfe, 1851.

The Blake Cemetery located near the present Mission Covenant Church is an all congregation burial ground.

The Calvary Cemetery was organized by the Calumet Cemetery organization in 1913. It comprises a total of 101 acres and is located in Garyton.

It seems that in 1916 the present McCool Cemetery was located on the east side of the road back of the church. Mr. Weissmeyer, the donor, requested that the land there be used for church purposes rather than for burial ground. When his request was granted, he donated the present acre for interment purposes. Several early pioneers lie in this graveyard, Walker McCool, William McCool, Benjamin Fifield, Col. Wolfe, Benjamin Crisman and several Civil War veterans and a World War I nurse.

....EARLY BUSINESSES AND COMMUNICATION....

Early business in Portage consisted mainly of small, family run groceries in the small settlements (towns) of Crisman, McCool and Garyton. The town of Crisman was established in 1853 when Benjamin Crisman gave an acre of land for the location of a Michigan Central Railroad Deport. On Crisman's main street were two stores in the same building. The south store was in existence in 1894 and was operated by H. D. Scofield. The north store, a later addition, was built in 1922. This grocery store also contained the post office for the area, but larger depots soon took business from Crisman and eventually the post office closed. The store was sold to three other owners and was finally closed in the 1960's. The town had a grease factory owned by a Chicago man named Cady and opened in 1932. From 1925 to 1945 another small grocery store was owned and operated by Jim Love in the Garyton area.

In the 1860's the post office at McCool was established when the Baltimore and Ohio was built through the land of William McCool. He donted the land on which to build a depot. L. H. Robbins built the two story building which contained a small grocery store, post office and living quarters. He operated the store and was the McCool postmaster for many years. Joseph S. Robbins, postmaster, operated the same store which had been purchased by his father along with the McCool farm in the early 1900's. The community boasted about eight houses and a railroad depot from which 100 to 200 cans of milk were shipped daily on the Walkerton to Chicago run on the B & O Railroad. It shipped three full cars every day containing sand and loam to make the forms used for hot steel at the Gary and South Chicago mills during World War I. O. G. Larson, a local painter, had the store for about a year when it went into Culbertson's possession. Everett Parry and Arthur Swanson had the store separately at later times. The building was thought to be 100 years old when it was destroyed by an early morning fire in 1951. It was then owned by W. A. Culbertson, who had retired from the business five years earlier. After the fire, a small one room building was constructed to serve as the Portage Post Office. The single employee was Miss Esther Wyant. She worked as the post master until 1962 when the present post office was built on Central Avenue.

The Portage Post Office now services the area north to Ogden Dunes and south of Route 6 with County Line Road as the western boundary. Camelot Trailer Park, although it lies south of Route 6 also has the Portage mailing address. Residents of Portage Township living outside these boundaries come under the direction of the Valparaiso Post Office. At the present time twenty six people are employed by the Portage Post Office.

Beginning about 1929 the telephone service in Portage Township was provided by Indiana Associated Telephone. After encountering financial difficulties, rights to the area were purchased by General Telephone in 1954. The main building is located at 2059 Crisman Road but a small exchange was also built to service the steel mills. From 1964 through December 1974 General Telephone has witnessed a 10% increase in the number of telephones it services in the area.

....CITY OF PORTAGE....

From the 1930's to 1975 Portage Township changed from a rural farm environment that encompassed three small settlements of Crisman, McCool and Garyton into one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana. On June 29, 1959, these communities were incoporated into the town of Portage and in 1968 became the City of Portage.

A population explosion occurred in the Portage area in the late 1950's and continued at a rapid rate through the 1960's. In 1959, when Portage was incorporated, the population was about 8,000 and jumped to 22,000 in 1975 and is estimated could climb to 27,000 in 1980. This increase was mainly due to the arrival of major industries in the area, including two main steel mills. They are the Midwest Division of the National Steel Corporation constructed in 1959 and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's plant constructed in 1963. In addition, the Continental Can Corporation has been in operation since 1966. The Port of Indiana is also a main industry but is totally different because it is not privately owned.

The visions of the Port were seen as early at 1815 when Jonathan Jennings introduced the resolution for statehood of the Indiana territory. He felt that the new state should have easy access to lake travel. This measure was approved by Congress and the decision went uncontested until 1837 when Michigan claimed that the land was theirs from the beginning. The government intervened and let Indiana keep the land and gave Michigan the Upper Peninsula as compensation. The area still remained unmarred until 1906 when Randall W. Burns proposed to build a ditch to drain the marshy areas of Lake and Porter counties. After many court battles, the ditch was started in 1923. Numerous tries to establish a waterway or port were made in vain until construction was finally underway in October, 1966. With the unloading of a Bethlehem ore boat on September 11, 1969, an Indiana dream of a water outlet to the trade of the world was a reality.

The Port of Indiana is located on the property bounded by Midwest Steel on the west, Bethlehem Steel on the east, highway U. S. 12 on the south and Lake Michigan on the north. The 269.9 acre plot is owned and operated by the State of Indiana. It is serviced by the Pennsylvania Central Railroad and by the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad. Also, U. S. 12-20 and the Interstate System of highways are all close enough for inexpensive trucking.

Portage is governed by a mayor, city judge, clerk-treasurer and seven councilmen who are elected to four-year terms at a general election.

The Portage community is very proud of its law enforcement and fire protection agencies. Until 1959 the only law enforcement was performed by a constable. In 1959 the Portage, Indiana Police Department was founded. The department consisted of five men headquartered in a police station at 12600 Central Avenue.

The police department continued to grow with the addition of two to four men a year and the building of the new police station at 2693P Irving Street in 1967. Presently, the police department operates under the Metropolitan Police System with a board of three police commissioners appointed by the Mayor. The police department now employes thirty-five men including a chief and seven clerks. The police department has six marked and six unmarked squad cars.

The Portage Fire Department was on a volunteer basis up to 1966 when the need for a professional fire department developed. In that year the department had one chief, four men, one high pressure unit and two thousand gallon per minute pumpers. Today the department employs twenty-seven men plus a chief. Twenty-three of these men are Emergency Medical Technicians (E.M.T.A.). Today the department has two engine pumpers, one high pressure unit, two fully equipped ambulances, one station wagon and one chief's car.

Portage Township has always depended on outside newspapers for any news other than local. In the early 1960's Portage's first newspaper, the PORTAGE WAVE, was published. In 1962, it was bought by Warren Frieburg, but shortly thereafter it was taken over by new management. During this time it had three different locations, all three being located in the Portage Mall. It is presently located at 2646 Hamstrom Road and the name has been changed to the PORTAGE PRESS. The PORTAGE PRESS has begun publishing issues for East Gary and now has eleven employees for both issues, in addition to two free-lance photographers. Present circulation is estimated to be 6,500.

On January 15, 1970 the SCANNER was first published. After a year's publication the Scanner moved to an office in the South Haven Square. The DUNELAND JOURNAL was established April 2, 1975. It has offices in the Portage Mall and is a weekly publication serving East Gary and Portage with a circulation of 10,000.

. . . . SCHOOL HISTORY . . . .

Before schools were established the pioneers made sure their children obtained a fair amount of useful knowledge. The course was the "Three R's" which were Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic with spelling included with the reading. If geography and history were added it became an "advanced school". The texts were any books the pupil might happen to have at home. They were not texts, but any sort of book from which the pupil could learn the alphabet and shorter words. It is said that one whole term was taught with only two books in the school house, a Bible and an almanac.

In 1840, four years after Portage Township was created, the first schoolhouse was erected about a mile and a half southeast of McCool. S. Putnam Robbins was the architect and the labor and materials were donated. Not long afterwards a second school was erected in the southwest part of the township.

Among the early teachers were N. S. Yost, M. L. Ferris, W. E. Hawthorne, Lottie Hewett, Minnie Spencer and Rose Mitchel.

The first school houses were log buildings. Windows were made by leaving out one log on the side and covering the opening with oiled paper. Window glass would have been considered too great a luxury to be placed in a school. Heat was furnished by a huge fireplace at one end of the building and seats were constructed of split saplings bored with a large auger and pins inserted to form the legs. The desks, which ran along the sides of the room, were wide boards supported on pins driven into the logs. Goose quill pens were used. The course of study consisted of the three R's and a pupil who mastered the "Rule of Three" in mathematics was greatly considered accomplished in that field.

In 1853 there were four schoolhouses and a board of four directors, one for each school district. There is an account of money being raised for school purposes at the rate of twenty-five cents on one-hundred dollars and twenty-five cents poll tax.

On June 14, 1853 the board met for the purpose of letting the "job of building" a schoolhouse to H. P. Wheeler for one hundred and ninety dollars to be finished by December 1st. There were four teachers in the township in 1854, one male and three females. The average salary of the male was thirteen dollars per month, and of the females, ten dollars per month. The average school term was one hundred twenty days. Two hundred thirty seven dollars were expended for education; one hundred fifteen was from the public fund for education and a hundred twenty four was from the special tax fund. The assessed valuation was sixty seven thousand, five hundred eighty five dollars. The enrollment was one hundred two males, five to twenty one years of age.

In 1856 the state report shows that the tax rate for schools was twenty five cents on one hundred dollars for property and a fifty cent poll tax. There were one hundred seventy tax payers.

According to the state report, by 1867 there were one hundred forty eight males and one hundred twenty two females, five to twenty one years of age attending school. The school term had been increased to one hundred forty days and there were seven teachers, all of whom were female. The average was sixty cents per day.

The names and locations of the early schools follow in chronological order.

The Robbins School located on McCool Road, was probably the first in the township. Joseph S. Robbins made educational history when he and his cousins, Henry and Bertha Robbins composed the entire first eighth grade graduating class in township history. The Heaton School was a very early one also. It was located near U. S. 6 south of the old McCool Airport. The Peak School, which was later made into a residence, was located a mile east of the Lake County line and about three-quarter of a mile south of U. S. 6. It was no longer used when consolidation took place. The Summer School located opposite the residence of George Lute and the Blake School, across from James Love's store in Garyton were consolidated to form the Bender or Blake School. Later it was used as a residence by Herman Swanson. The Sand Knobs located near the Old Glory Garage was discontinued in 1906 when consolidation took place. The Dom-

bey School abandoned in 1921, was about a quarter of a mile west of the present Garyton School. The Fifield School was located one quarter of a mile west of the C. E. Fifield farm. It and the Robbins School were consolidated to form the McCool School. The Wolfe School located about a mile southwest of the Seven Dolors Shrine, was abandoned and razed in 1918. A temporary building for the Ad Crisman School was located at Willow Creek.

A log schoolhouse 18 x 24 was erected where Crisman now stands and was used for nine years. The first term was taught by Elder Bartlett, a Baptist minister. Cyrus Sales taught next and after him in order came Christina Fry, Emily Gerhart and Chancey Gaylord. A frame building followed the log construction and a brick building was erected in 1902.

The first school bus was purchased in 1906 by the trustee, Brut T. Spencer, for the price of one hundred twenty five dollars. It was a horse drawn hack. A ruling was made at this time that all schools having less than eight pupils were to be closed. This necessitated transportation of the pupils and accounts for the consolidation of many of the schools.

Mr. W. A. Briggs was a historian and educational leader for Portage Township. Due to his record keeping, one can find an interesting account of the second eighth grade graduating class. There were six members who studied separately but graduated together some eighty years ago. The following segments of an article were in the Chesterton Tribune and Mr. Briggs is responsible for the historical account.

The event took place on the evening of May 16th, 1896, in the old McCool Methodist Church. Those participating were:

County Superintendent A. A. Hughart who became city superintendent of the Valparaiso Schools and a prominent banker. John H. Lenburg who served two terms as trustee of Portage was a prominent farmer of the township. Miss Jennie Moffitt taught in the township for several years unil she became the wife of Michael Foreman, a successful farmer of the township. S. W. Pennock, teacher of Crisman, taught in the township while studying law. Following graduation from law school he moved to Montana. W. A. Briggs who became a teacher at the Dombey School and then the principal of Portage High School, remained there for more than twenty years. Ross M. Crisman, the valedictorian, attended Portage High School for two years. He served for eight years (1925-1933) as County Commissioner from the North District and had a prosperous farm on Twenty Mile Prairie. Miss Celia Recktenwall, the salutatorian, attended Portage High School for two years. She married S. W. Pennock, a teacher in the township.

Other members of the class include:

Miss Anna Lenburg entered the Portage High School in the autumn of 1896 but did not live the school year out.

F. August Malmstone attended Portage High School for two years. He entered Valparaiso University and earned his academic degree after which he taught for five years in Portage, was an administrator in education and then entered the field of medicine.

Miss Mary Hommes completed two years of work in the Portage High School. She became the wife of Molee Spencer, a prominent farmer of the township.

Miss Amelia Lenburg finished two years work at the Portage High School. She became the wife of Edward A. Anderson, who served as township trustee for six years.

Carl O. Johnson completed one year at Portage High School. He became a successful farmer and businessman. He selected the route for U. S. 20 through Portage.

Miss Amanda Malmstone, of Dombey, did two years work in Portage High School after which she completed a business course in Chicago and for several years was a stenographer. She later married Victor A. Beckman of Chicago.

W. A. Briggs, teacher of one of the classes, who later became the first principal of Portage High School said, "In those days we traveled through mud and dust and snow drifts without benefit of automobile or hard roads. We didn't have rural telephones and electric lights were unknown to us. The phonograph was in its infancy."

In the summer of 1896 the first high school class was held in a rented building. During that summer the trustee, John H. Lenburg, built the McCool Elementary School but funds were not yet made available to start the high school. Early in 1897 plans were made for building a high school.

Until this time Portage had only the old one-room schools. Since these had been operating for more than fifty-five years, many of the patrons felt that it was time for something better. Not all the taxpayers felt the same. The McCool building had used all the available funds and if the high school were built it would be necessary to issue bonds. A petition was circulated and a remonstrance was held. This made it necessary to have a hearing and this delayed the preparations.

The bonds were issued and building operations started but it was too late to have the house ready for school at the usual time. The high school classes were held in a rented part of a tavern. Al Spiers account of W. A. Briggs and school life in a saloon will be of interest to all.

The first high school principal was W. A. Briggs and he is probably the only principal in Hoosier history to conduct high school in a saloon. This strange state of educational affairs occurred shortly after Briggs moved to Indiana. Farm-raised in Southern Illinois, Bill, an eager, apt student, won a teaching license at 18 after a year at Albion Normal University. After three years of hickory-sticking the three R's in rural schools near home, Bill went to Valparaiso in the fall of 1894 to broaden his own education. By spring, he'd lined up a new job teaching in a township school at Crisman. Trustee John Lenburg approached Bill with an idea of starting a high school. Briggs accepted the challenge knowing there would be many difficulties and financial problems.

Lenburg had just built a grade school at McCool and had no construction funds; however, there was an empty two story saloon that was closed by the village burghers. Into the old saloon, that fall, went desks, blackboards, Mr. Briggs and about twenty pupils, part of them in the

township's first ninth grade class. They used the saloon for one year. In 1897 Lenburg was able to build the first four rooms of the present Crisman Elementary School. They moved in that fall and added the tenth grade. Principal Briggs had a staff of two teachers. They taught lower grades and he conducted eighth, ninth and tenth grade classes. During the next few years, more teachers and eleventh and twelfth grades were added. A high school was established at Crisman in January, 1909. Bill Briggs supervised Crisman School for twenty-one years. The four-room building was an excellent structure for those times and cost but little over three thousand dollars. Three teachers were employed, W. A. Briggs as principal, Miss Emma Wilson as intermediate and Miss Janet Janes as primary teachers. The school stands and is in use as a part of the Crisman Elementary School. Four more rooms were added in 1922 and the high school was built in 1928. On December 18, 1933, the high school was given a first class commission rating, one of the few rural high schools in Indiana to be so rated. In addition to the high school, three grade schools were maintained in the township; one at Crisman with three teachers for grade one to six; one at McCool with one teacher for grades one through five; and one at Garyton with three teachers for grades one through six.

CRISMAN ELEMENTARY

Throughout the years Crisman has housed K-6 and Special Education and today includes K-5. Portage Township is looking forward to the completion of the new Crisman Elementary School at 6161 Old Porter Road in 1977. In will consist of a modern facility built to house six-hundred students. In addition to classroom areas, it will include a multipurpose room, media center, stage and gymnasium.

GARYTON ELEMENTARY

The school building at Garyton was begun in 1921 as a two room school on a four and one-half acre site purchased from D. P. Blake and was completed before the term ended in 1922. In 1927 two more rooms were added to the building, making it a two-story structure with three teachers employed for the eight grades. More recent additions were added to Garyton in 1955 and 1964. Garyton Elementary School is now located on an irregular plot of 10.4 acres with frontage on Central Avenue on the north and Engle Street on the east and with access to Concord Avenue and Lexington Avenue on the west.

PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL

The original building for Portage High School was erected in 1948 at 5962 Central Avenue. Additions were built in 1953, 1957, 1958 and 1965. The high school shares a forty acre plot with Aylesworth Middle School.

JONES ELEMENTARY

Ethel R. Jones Elementary School is located close to the old McCool School site. It was built on ten acres of farm land at 2374 McCool Road. The twelve classroom building was opened for students of grades one through six in September of 1960. The building was named in honor of a Portage High School Latin teacher. The building received a twelve classroom addition in 1966 and a two classroom kindergarten addition in 1968.

MYERS ELEMENTARY

The George L. Myers Elementary School at 3100 Willowdale Road is located on ten acres of land in the west central area of the township. The school was named in honor of George L. Myers who was music director at the Portage High School for over thirty eight years. Additions were made in 1963, 1965 and 1968. Presently there are twenty four classrooms and two kindergarten classrooms. In 1970 Myers School received the Outstanding Conservation Education Project award from the Indiana Isack Walton organization.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY

Central Elementary School located at 2825 Russell Street opened in 1961 with eighteen classrooms. In 1965 six classrooms were added to the south wing and two kindergarten rooms to the east wing to bring Central to its present capacity of twenty six classrooms.

AYLESWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

In September of 1963 Aylesworth Junior High School at 5910 Central Avenue was opened for grades seven and eight for the entire Portage Township. At present Aylesworth Middle School is one of three middle schools which house grades six through nine. This school is named after Wallace Aylesworth, a long-time teacher, principal and superintendent of Portage Schools.

SOUTH HAVEN ELEMENTARY

South Haven Elementary School is located at 395 West Midway Drive and was built in 1964. It has twenty four rooms and is the only elementary school in the system built as a rectangle around the court yard. It services grade K-5.

SAYLOR ELEMENTARY

Paul Saylor Elementary School, named in honor of the subdivision developer, was erected at the corner of Midway and Devonshire in the South Haven Subdivision in 1965-66. The school has twenty six classrooms and houses grades K through 5.

KYLE ELEMENTARY

Rowena Kyle Elementary School located at 2701 Hamstrom Road, opened in 1967. There are thirteen acres on the school site and it contains twenty six classrooms.

Kyle was named in honor of an English teacher who taught in Portage High School.

FEGELY MIDDLE SCHOOL

As Portage Township grew in population, the need for a second middle school became evident. Fegely Middle School located at 5384 Stone Avenue opened its doors to approximately nine-hundred students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades during the 1967-68 school year. The site of forty acres on the north side of Stone Avenue is characterized by its many large oak trees. It was named for William Fegely.

GRISSOM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grissom Middle School located at U. S. Highway 6 and Airport Road opened in 1973. It was named for the Hoosier Astronaut, Virgil I. Grissom who gave his life in the U. S. NASA Space program. Grissom houses grades six through nine. A large part of this building is without walls and classroom areas are separated by portable dividers, bookcases and different furniture arrangements. Grissom is the first Portage school to have a swimming pool and an auditorium. The pool is olympic sized and the auditorium seats five hundred.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The School Administration Building located at 5894 Central Avenue shares the same forty acre plot as Aylesworth Middle School and the high school. It was built in 1966 and contains rooms for central office personnel. School board meetings are held in this facility.

The future holds much progress in the growth of education for the Portage Township Schools. The Superintendent's message for what will come is as follows:

On December 22, 1975, the Board of School Trustees officially adopted a building program that will include a new high school and a new elementary school As a part of this program and the total planning, it was also announced that if the buildings received all state and local approvals and are completed on the time schedule, in September 1978, sixth grade classes would remain in the elementary schools. Thus, when totally completed, the grade arrangement will be K-6 in elementary, 7-9 in the middle schools and 10-12 in the high school.

The new high school would open its doors in September, 1979. At that time, there will be nine elementary schools, three middle schools and one high school.

Plans were also revealed for proposed uses of the current high school building. The high school vocational classes would remain at the present facility, night school would remain, the central offices of the district would move to the current high school building and college classes plus apprentice program may be developed.

This building program is an aggressive and necessary program. Portage continues to grow. It may grow very rapidly in the late seventies and early eighties. The Board and administration feel this building program will offer the additional facilities and building flexibility necessary to accommodate student growth through 1985.

. . . . PORTAGE TODAY . . . .

WHAT IS THE LOCATION?

Portage is in the northwestern part of Porter County, Indiana, spanning an area of thirty square miles. It was incorporated in 1959.

The present area of Portage Township is located in the northwest corner of Porter County in northwestern Indiana. More than twenty square miles of territory are included within the corporate limits.

Portage lies thirty-five miles east of Chicago, Illinois and one hundred fifty miles north of Indianapolis. It is at the tip of Lake Michigan.

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE

What are the crops and agricultural products raised in and around Portage and Porter County?

Corn, soy beans, wheat, oats, hay, popcorn and mushrooms are raised in and around Portage. Animal products include cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry and dairy products.

Major steel mills and other industries have been built in the historical section.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

How is Portage governed and what are the services provided?

Portage is governer by a major, city judge, cleark-treasurer and seven councilmen who are elected to four years terms at a general city election.

HOUSING

What are some of the housing facilities in Portage?

Several subdivisions include modern well built homes and builders are continuing to expand both single and multiple unit family dwellings. In and near Portage there are also several mobile home parks. The Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson's are two major motels located in Portage at U. S. 20 and Indiana 249.

HEALTH SERVICES

What health services are available?

Portage residents may go to Porter Memorial Hospital

in Valparaiso, Hobart Mercy Hospital or into Gary and Chicago hospitals for health care. There are medical and dental facilities that provide X-ray services as well as personal care.

LIBRARY

The newly established Portage Library is located in the Portage Mall. The Porter County Bookmobile also serves the community.

. . . . EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM . . . .

Portage Township Schools continue to expand in enrollment, facilities and programs offered. The School Board, composed of five members, is elected by citizens from north, south, central and Ogden Dunes area. The fifth member is elected at large by the voters.

The superintendent, assisted by staff, students and parents has outlined a building program which includes the opening of the new Crisman Elementary School in February, 1977, the building of another elementary school in South Haven area by 1978 and the opening of a new high school by 1980. Eight elementary schools with an enrollment of 4374, K-5 students (Dec. '75 figures) provide numerous individualized learning experiences for children based on careful assessment of each child's needs.

As stated in the district philosophy and goals, Portage Township School programs stress positive attitude toward self and learning. Instructional programs stress competency in communication skills and mathematical operations. Basic reading competency is a major goal emphasized in all Portage elementary school classrooms. When the child enters kindergarten, an informal inventory reveals his strengths and needs so teachers may plan learning-center activities that will build visual and auditory skills needed in beginning reading. A basal reader approach with small group instruction is stressed in the primary grades.

Pupils with special learning needs have the services of several professional staff members and additional support services. Reading improvement teachers, directed by the elementary consultant, work specifically with second grade children with learning needs in reading and they assist teachers with finding additional materials needed for specific skill development in the classroom. They also assist the talented and gifted pupils in language arts with weekly sessions with these groups. A Title I tutorial program gives special attention daily to first grade children who need help on a one to one basis. Services from Porter County Special Education Cooperative provide classes and assistance for the child with learning difficulties. Multiple handicapped children go to a special center, the Banta School, which will be housed in a new facility now under construction.

The Portage Township Schools include three middle schools and a high school and provide a variety of learning opportunities for youngsters in grades six through twelve. The middle schools and the high school are departmentalized and offer excellent programs in the academics as well as in the fine and practical arts. Portage High School also has exceptional offerings in vocational programs, business education courses, and has recently instituted a new four-phase driver education program. Portage Schools also offer adult education classes for both enrichment and credit. The enrollment in the four secondary schools is just over 5,000 students.

. . . . THE FUTURE . . . .

Birthday celebrations are always a time for looking back and looking forward. A look back is a joy, since it becomes very evident what "progress" has been achieved. A glance forward will give hope toward new horizons. During this year Americans who united from scattered settlements and countries to form the world's leading democracy will celebrate their bicentennial anniversary. In a democratic society it is everyone's responsibility to work together to insure an effective government and provide for the welfare of all the people. Democracy requires effective leaders to give direction to successful accomplishment. Real leadership requires vision, planning, work and evaluation. In a democracy there is always a promise of what the population can produce. As Joseph Conrad said, "The mind of man is capable of anything—because everything is in it, all the past as well as all the future." The mind must be nurtured through education. Plato said, "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

The early settlers of this area were people with ideals and goals. The people of today and of tomorrow possess these qualities also and each one has his or her own vision of a "kind of life" to continually strive for. The future calls for positive thinking and setting goals. Portage Township's government, people, schools, churches and organizations have the ability to accomplish whatever they want to achieve. Any level of accomplishment is only limited to the vision of the people and education must continually strive to provide the people with the necessary tools to attain their goals.

HISTORY OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO

The Vidette-Messenger newspaper in Valparaiso has prepared a series of Bicentennial issues. The attached Valparaiso history is a part of this work and the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee would like to thank Herb Steinbach, Editor of the Vidette, Mary Henrichs, Mr. and Mrs. John Van Ness and any others who, along with G. Warren Phillips and the Vidette Staff contributed to this work.

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. . . . FOREWORD . . . .

Valparaiso's history has been marked by a steady—albeit gradual—population growth during its first 100 years and into its Second Century.

Among its most noteworthy characteristics have been that it has been acclaimed to be an attractive residential community, a city of churches, and possessor of an outstanding education system extending from the kindergarten through the technical and university graduate levels. It has a healthy mercantile climate, a moderate but progressive governmental operation, and boasts a varied assortment of small and medium-sized industrial establishments which provide excellent job opportunities, especially for skilled and semi-skilled workers. It is the seat of the county government, and accordingly is the site of various government complexes, including an outstanding county hospital.

The following historical sketches of these various components which make up Valparaiso admittedly show merely the "tip of the iceberg". And most of these accounts are centered around the period since 1936, when Porter county observed its Centennial.

Many leading residents of Valparaiso contributed in the research and writing of these sections, and since the list is long there is no attempt being made here to give personal credit to these individuals. Suffice it to say that the efforts of all those who helped in recording this Valparaiso history are deeply appreciated.

CREATED 140 YEARS AGO

On Dec. 2, 1865, Valparaiso was officially incorporated as a city. This event was duly recognized in 1966 when the community celebrated its Centennial. It originally was known as Portersville, which was laid out on July 7, 1836. On Oct. 31 of that year its plat was formally recorded. So during our nation's Bicentennial year of 1976, our community is observing the 140th year of its creation.

Valparaiso's 1860 census indicated that there were 1,690 persons residing here. The last official count, in 1974, showed the population had risen to 20,544.

At random, local governmental records show that the city in 1927—when the population hovered around the 8,000 mark—had a tax rate of $1.22, including the library rate, which is today included in the Porter County budget. At this time the city tax rate is $4.59, which includes provisions for its parks system—which had not been an item in the 1927 budget.

The city clerk-treasurer's office was created in 1929. First to hold that office was Adelaide Osborne.

In 1934 an ordinance provided for four councilmanic districts. Today Valparaiso is divided into five districts, plus two additional councilmen serving at-large.

A Department of Public Works was formed in 1944, comprised of four members. Two years later—in response to the community's growing needs—a Board of Zoning Appeals was established. This consists of five members plus an attorney. Records further indicate that: In 1950 an ordinance for traffic and parking meters was approved; police radio equipment was purchased in 1948; and January 1954 saw the start of the city's sewage treatment plant. In 1959 the office of city judge was established. That same year the community's house numbering system was extended.

Business of the people of Valparaiso is carried out by more than 175 officials and employes. They have the use of four city parking lots ringing the downtown area, and various parks, recreation areas and a municipal golf course.

HUB OF PORTER COUNTY

During the mid-1970s the city of Valparaiso serves as the governmental, cultural and economic hub of Porter county, which is one of Indiana's fastest growing regions. Situated 784 feet above sea level, Valparaiso comprises more than 7 square miles of territory. There are more than 77 miles of streets maintained by the city. Water mains extend 87 miles.

It is the home of America's largest Lutheran university—Valparaiso University (which observed its centennial in 1959) and one of the country's leading electronics and communications schools, Valparaiso Technical Institute (now in its second century).

There are approximately 30 manufacturing industries and shops within the city and in its fringes. Among the

products made here are: food processing machinery, permanent magnets, ball bearings, electric lamp guards, electric switches, bakelite products, aprons, automobile parts, machine tools, refined metals, fiberglass tanks, fruit juice cans, steel rollers and automatic sprinkling systems. There are 350 retail establishments; a number of financial institutions; and various wholesale outlets. Valparaiso is blessed with a stable economy, respectable per-household income in the neighborhood of $15,700, comparatively low unemployment rate and sound overall wage rates.

More than 65 per cent of the people of Valparaiso own their own homes. More than 600 apartment units have been built locally since 1960. More are being constucted, or have just recently been completed.

Although housed in an old building, the Valparaiso Public Library is very modern in its offerings to its people. In addition to stocking 50,000 books, nine newspapers and 140 periodicals, this facility boasts a Geneology Department, Children's Division and houses 1,500 assorted recordings in its Record Library. These are just some of the wide variety of opportunities that are available on the employment, recreational, cultural and governmental services in this community.

SERVE IN GOVERNMENT

Valparaiso residents have had a long and honorable history of being involved in governmental service at various levels. Among the front-runners in Valparaiso's citizen-government service ranks historically were E. D. Crumpacker, who represented the old 10th Congressional district from 1897-1913; and Col. Mark DeMotte, who served one term in Washington from 1880-1882. In 1884 Col. DeMotte was elected to the Indiana Senate for one term.

In the present era Earl F. Landgrebe, of this community, served as Indiana's Second District representative in the U.S. House from 1968 to 1974. Earlier he had served 10 years in the Indiana Senate. Also going to the state senate in recent years from Valparaiso were John W. VanNess and King Telle. Telle also did a six-year stint in the Indiana House, from 1967 to 1972. VanNess, however, particularly established an enviable state service record. Not only did he spend 18 years there—13 of those he directed the upper chamber as President Pro Tem—but he also held various appointive offices. In recognition of his outstanding leadership VanNess, in 1957, was named by the Senate as President Pro Tem Emeritus—the only Hoosier ever to be so honored. Valparaiso men who have served in the Indiana House include not only Telle, but also Robert D. Anderson, Quentin A. Blachly and John R. Larson—the present local legislator.

Through the years many Valparaiso people have been appointed to Indiana boards and commissions—and many are serving in these offices today. Probably most noteworthy of these is George Nelson, called by many the "father" of Indiana's Deepsea harbor. He was a long-time member of the Indiana Port Commission and its predecessor, the Indiana State Board of Harbors and Terminals.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BLOSSOMS

In 1837—three years after J. P. Ballard built the first house in what was to become Valparaiso—the first school was held in a small building at the southwest corner of what is now the intersection of Jefferson and Franklin Streets. The first teacher was Mr. Masters. As the village grew, one-room schools were placed where needed to serve the growing enrollment.

In the early years support for the small one-room schools came largely through subscription or fees supplemented by small amounts from the "State Common School Fund" which had as its base the sale of public lands. The Ordinance of 1787 had set aside the 16th section of each Congressional Township for the support of public schools. The Indiana Constitution of 1816 reaffirmed this position and the State Constitution of 1851 established the State Common School Fund. In 1865 the legislature authorized local school authorities to levy a special school tax "for the construction, rent, or repairing of school houses, providing furniture, school apparatus, ... and for the payment of necessary expenses of the school, including tuition and teachers salaries.....". Thus, the means for providing schools for all children became a possibility.

In 1871 the consolidation of the local school program took a major step forward. In 1860 the Presbyterians organized the Valparaiso Collegiate Institute and in the following year erected a building and opened a school on a half block on the west side of Franklin Street between Erie and Institute Streets. Less than 10 years later this building was purchased by the city board of education which promptly erected a similar building on the north lot and connected the two buildings with a narrow three-story structure. Here in 1871 began the graded school program adopted by the school board that year. W. H. Banta was the new superintendent and was to continue as the head of the school for 24 years. In 1924 the new elementary school at 605 Beech Street was named in his honor.

With the new graded school in operation and major school activities concentrated in one building (one single room building in the southwest corner of the town remained in operation) the school program moved forward. In 1874 the first class, of two members, was graduated from the Valparaiso High School. In 1900, 25 seniors received diplomas, but in 1901 there were but nine graduates (included in this class were Olie W. Welty and Clara Mabel Herrick, both of whom spent their entire careers teaching in the Valparaiso schools). This was to be the site of Valparaiso High School until 1927, when a new high school was built at 605 Campbell Street. The 1871 building served until 1903, when it was replaced by a new three-story building which housed elementary, junior high school, and high school classes until 1927—when the high school moved and the lower classes remained. In 1938 the building burned and was rebuilt on the foundation left from the fire. In the year 1972 the junior high classes moved to the 1927 high school building on Campbell Street. This former high school building is now known as Benjamin Franklin Junior High

School. This building was dedicated to Chauncey W. Boucher, Superintendent of Schools, 1915-1930, and the gymnasium building was named in his honor. Since 1972 the Central Elementary School has used the school building at 305 Franklin Street for elementary and kindergarten classes. This site might properly be called the birth place of modern public education in Valparaiso. Here started the first graded elementary school classes, the first high school, the first junior high school, and the first kindergarten.

This Central School in the early years cared for most of the elementary students in the town, but by 1892 additional space was needed and Columbia Elementary School was completed on the corner of Indiana and Locust Streets. In 1899 Gardner Elementary School was built at Campbell and Chicago Streets. It was not until 1924 that Banta Elementary School was erected at 605 Beech Street. After the building of the high school in 1927, 25 years were to pass before any new buildings were to be constructed, other than the rebuilding of Central.

For more than 100 years the Valparaiso City Schools were governed by a board of education of three members and the school district lines were identical with the city limits. In 1957—by a vote of the people—the School Corporation of Center Township and the School City of Valparaiso were consolidated into a new single corporation, the Valparaiso Community Schools. It is now governed by a school board of five members, four appointed by the Valparaiso City Council and one by the Center Township Advisory Board. Term of appointment is four years. The consolidation became effective January 1, 1958. Total school enrollment at that time was 3,140.

Following World War II the population of the city continued to accelerate and this, coupled with the rise in the post war birthrate, caused a dramatic increase in school enrollment. During the two decades of the fifties and the sixties enrollment more than tripled. In 1975 the enrollment dropped 29 students from the previous year high of 5,237. This was the first year since 1950 that there had not been an annual increase in enrollment. During a 20-year period, 1950 to 1970, 19 major school building contracts for new buildings or major building additions were completed and 16 new sites or site additions were acquired. Lower birthrates are now being balanced by continuous population growth so a relatively stable future school enrollment is anticipated.

In 1947 the Valparaiso School Board passed a cumulative building tax levy effective beginning in 1948. Income from this levy supplemented by short term bonds were used to finance the new buildings and sites of the elementary and junior high schools. In the spring of 1970 the newly created Valparaiso Community School Building Corporation sold $9,160,000.00 in first mortgage bonds to finance the new high school facilities at 2727 North Campbell. Before this issue all other indebtedness of the school district had been retired and the school was debt free.

In the school district there are now the following school buildings with dates of major initial construction: Elementary: Banta—1924, now used by the Porter County Special Education Cooperative; Central—1940; Cooks Corners—1967; Flint Lake—1953; Hayes Leonard—1965; Thomas Jefferson—1964; Memorial—1957; Northview—1952; Parkview—1955. Junior High Schools: Benjamin Franklin—1927; Thomas Jefferson—1962. Valparaiso High School—1970; Administrative Building—1955; School Maintenance Center—1928.

In the earliest schools the program was almost entirely very elementary instruction in the three R's and the school term was short and unpredictable. Since the very early days there has been continued improvement in offerings, attendance, and the length of term. A major change was the adoption of the graded system in 1871 and the establishment of high school instruction with the continuing expansion and improvement of curriculum. Some examples of this growth are found in the 1900 high school annual which states that this graduating class was the first to have taken a course in Solid Geometry. By the turn of the century and into the 1920's, commerce, modern languages, music, art, manual training, and home economics became part of the offering. In 1929, a school nurse was employed and the health and physical education program was started. The 10-year period of the Great Depression saw relatively little change, but beginning in the Forties change accelerated. Only a few of these changes can be mentioned. The introduction of machine shop about 1942 was followed by a diversified program of career education in such fields as health services, business, agriculture, home economics and mechanical and technical services. In 1971, after a two-year study, the Porter County Vocational Cooperative was created. It is made up of the four Porter County school organizations and offers courses in several locations in the county. Parallel with this action a similar organization made up of all the school districts in the county appeared in 1970, the Porter County Special Education Cooperative. This organization administers to the needs of the handicapped. A central building, in the planning stage, is to be located in north Center Township. The first class for the handicapped was started in Valparaiso in 1956.

In 1945, a continuing standardized testing program was started and science was added in the elementary school. In 1948, the school term was lengthened to nine and one half months. In 1946 midyear promotions were eliminated. In 1962 the three-year junior high school and the three-year senior high school became official. In 1946 guidance services for high school students had their beginning and were soon extended into the junior high school.

The school lunch program first started in Valparaiso in the high school in 1945 and is now in all the schools. Also the school now buses students to the various buildings. In the past 30 years, the school enrollment has increased by more than threefold, population by slightly less than that rate, and assessed valuation by more than eight times—now $61,329,030. It is expected that the growth of the community in population and resources will continue.

As mentioned, the first high school graduation class of 1874 had two members. The 100th graduating class

of 1973 was 339 in number. It is expected that 465 will graduate in 1976. Records show that in the 1881-1882 school year the average daily attendance was 62.8 percent. Today and for many prior years the average would be above 95 percent. Today almost all students enrolled in the regular elementary classes will complete high school, as compared to an approximately 85 percent loss in the class of 1901. Today almost two out of three high school graduates go on to higher education. For more than three quarters of a century kindergarten has been offered in Valparaiso. The exact date of its beginning is in doubt, but it is believed to be the second oldest in Indiana.

Through the years, since the first school in this community, a close spirit of cooperation has prevailed among students, parents, and school people. That the community is grateful to and has respect for its teachers is shown by the fact that in 1957 the new Memorial Elementary School was dedicated to "those teachers who have given a lifetime of leadership and inspiration to the boys and girls of this community". Long and devoted service by school board members, administrative staff, and teachers has been characteristic in this community.

STARTS IN RENTED QUARTERS

In 1864, Immanuel Lutheran Church was formed. The first services were held in rented quarters. Within a short time a church and school building was erected at the corner of Chestnut and Academy Streets. That building still stands and is presently a private residence. In 1867 classes were moved into a residence next door.

The school remained a vital part of the congregation's thrust, at one time reaching 130 students, but the school declined and finally closed in 1913. Meanwhile the church has relocated at the corner of Washington and Institute Streets in 1891.

In 1950, a new emphasis in education began with the occupancy of an attractive Lannon Stone building at 826 LaPorte Ave. In 1966, Valparaiso University purchased the school for its education department.

Immanuel erected a new structure in 1967 at 1700 N. Monticello for school purposes. That building is located on 23 acres of ground. The 1975-1976 enrollment in grades one through eight is 294 students.

Immanuel Church burned on July 31, 1975 and so church and school are again under one roof, as in 1864.

WAS SMALL ACADEMY

The St. Paul Catholic Grade School had its beginning in 1863, as a small academy attached to St. Paul's Church. At that time, the church and the school were located three miles northwest of Valparaiso on the old Chicago Road. Three lay teachers staffed this first school.

Later, after purchasing an acre of land at the corner of Chicago and Campbell, the congregation built a school at a cost of $8,000. The Sisters of Providence came to teach there in 1872, and offered an excellent education from grammar through high school.

In 1901, the Holy Cross Sisters came to St. Paul School from St. Mary's at Notre Dame in South Bend. They, with a number of lay teachers, continue to staff the school today. The present building was erected in 1950, with two additional rooms added in the spring of 1967.

St. Paul School currently has an enrollment of 225 students. The students and faculty are looking forward in 1976 to the construction of an addition which will house a new library, a science laboratory, and several additional rooms, which will aid in bringing to the children, a modern curriculum in addition to the religious program emphasized by St. Paul School.

PROVIDES HIGHER LEARNING

Valparaiso University, as we know it today, is the third in a succession of institutions of higher learning that have occupied the hilly site on the southeast side of the city of Valparaiso. Today's "West Campus" was acquired by the Lutheran University Association in 1925 from the board of trustees which acted as custodian for the once-great university which had been created by Henry Baker Brown and Oliver Perry Kinsey. Brown, in turn, had begun his school (originally the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business Institute) in 1873, in a building which had housed the Valparaiso Female College, whose history dates back to 1859.

The first term of the Male and Female College began Sept. 21, 1859, when six instructors and 75 students met for classes in a temporary wooden building which had been built by John N. Skinner on the site of the present burned-out Kinsey Hall. Later a brick building was built on the site of the present West Campus flagpole. For many years it was the only college building. Probably the chief claim to fame of the Male and Female College is the fact that, as one of the founders put it, "the college at Valparaiso was not for males nor females as such." Through all of its subsequent history, the College and its successor institutions remained coeducational, and Valparaiso University may, therefore, claim to be one of the oldest co-educational institutions in the country.

The Male and Female College was, like most higher educational institutions of its day, church-related, having been founded and supported by the Methodist Church. The exodus of young men from the campus during the Civil War, followed by the establishment of a state-supported system of secondary and post-secondary education after the war, forced the trustees in the summer of 1871 to discontinue classes. The story of Valparaiso's next half century is very largely the story of two remarkable men, Henry Baker Brown and Oliver Perry Kinsey, who operated that strange and wonderful "off-beat" institution which was eventually to be known throughout the world as "the poor man's Harvard."

Having heard of the empty college building in Valparaiso, Brown secured a lease on it from the board of trustees and opened the first session of the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business Institute on Sept. 16, 1873. His faculty consisted of four members be-

sides himself: Miss Mantie E. Baldwin, M. E. Bogarte, B. F. Perrine, and Miss Ida Hutchinson. There were 35 students.

The Normal School prospered from the very start, so much so that in 1881 Brown brought Oliver Perry Kinsey to the school as a partner, in the proprietorship and as vice-president of the school. Meanwhile, in 1879, Col. Mark L. DeMotte had established the Northern Indiana Law School, which became officially a part of the University in 1906.

In 1900 the Normal School was renamed Valparaiso College, and in 1907 the College was renamed Valparaiso University. But under any name, it was the same kind of institution, committed to providing a "thorough, practical education in as short a time, and with as little expense, as possible." Enrollment rose consistently, reaching a peak in the 1914-1915 academic year when a total of 4,977 different students were listed in the catalog. But shortly thereafter, the United States got involved in the First World War; Brown died (in 1917) and Kinsey retired (in 1919). For six years thereafter the University floundered until, in 1925, it was bought by the Lutheran University Association.

With Dr. W. H. T. Dau as president and the Rev. John C. Baur as business manager, the new administration moved swiftly to rebuild the University along more conventional lines. By 1929, the University had achieved accreditation and had put the physical property back into good order. Dr. O. C. Kreinheder, the next president, had the misfortune of serving through the worst of the Great Depression. His accomplishment was keeping the university solvent and intact without sacrificing its newly-achieved quality. In 1940, after the short acting presidency of Dr. W. G. Friedrich, the Rev. O. P. Kretzmann became Valparaiso's 14th president and presided over a great, 28-year period of growth which saw, in effect, the re-creation of the University. A new campus was bought and developed, four new colleges were founded or re-founded, enrollments grew to surpass the highest known under Brown and Kinsey, the faculty was greatly enlarged and strengthened, and the University came to understand the uniqueness of its mission as a servant of the Christian community.

Upon Dr. Kretzmann's retirement in 1968, Dr. Albert G. Huegli became president and continued the policies of his predecessor. Under Dr. Huegli's administration the internal governance of the University has been democratized, the curriculum has been revamped, and the endowment has been enlarged six-fold.

By the autumn of 1975, the 46 acres which the Lutheran University Association had purcahsed in 1925 for approximately $225,000 had grown to a campus of 310 acres valued at approximately $35,000,000. Centrally located on the new campus is the great Chapel of the Resurrection, first used in 1958, which symbolizes both the present religious commitment of the University and the continuity of its faith since 1859 when pioneer Methodists began a work which their Lutheran successors are endeavoring to continue.

CHANGE TECHNICAL APPROACH

Valparaiso Technical Institute officially came into existence as a resident radio school March 16, 1944, at which time the faculty and student body moved from the Dodge Institute of Telegraphy buildings on Monroe Street into the new school quarters at the west end of Lincolnway on Road 130. At that time the name of the school was changed to reflect the true nature of the curricula, making the late Dr. J. B. Hershman the founder and first president of the Institute as it is today. Dr. Hershman had taken over as head of the Dodge School of Radio in 1934. He added radio engineering and radio servicing courses at that time and expanded the existing Marine Radio course.

The original Tech building, formerly occupied by the Pitkens & Brooks Glass Company, was purchased to house Army Program students during World War II. Inasmuch as an engineering firm reported that the building was in excellent condition, it was decided, by completely remodeling and redecorating, that better quarters could be obtained here for a new school than at any other location in Valparaiso. Additional land was obtained at this time to insure room for future expansion.

Following WW II, courses were added in Television, TV Servicing, and many other courses aimed primarily at opportunities becoming available in industry. Before the war the field was divided under two headings, radio and electricity. Following the war, the fields were encompassed with the term "electronics".

In 1947 the Memorial Hall dormitory was erected. That same year the student cafeteria, the Hut was added. In 1952 VTI students, under the direction of Eugene E. Bullis, erected a building to house a 20 kilowatt FM transmitter. This building has been converted into a dormitory following the housing crunch in the 60's. At about this same time Ennis Hall, another dormitory, was erected to the north of Memorial Hall.

In 1954 the school acquired a large tract of land from Lewis E. Myers, including the building which originally housed the Chautauqua Desk Company and the Continental Pharmaceutical Company, selling patent medicines under their name, Golden Acres. One of the world's first DDT plants was located in that part of the Myers building which presently houses radio station WNWI.

In the midst of this progress, in 1956, Dr. J. B. Hershman was the victim of an automobile accident. His widow, Mrs. Nettie B. (Ferguson) Hershman took over active control of the school until she convinced a friend, Dr. W. D. A. Peaslee, to take over as president of the institute. Peaslee was well-known in engineering circles and knew his way around in the field of vocational education. He was able to complete before his death in 1959 the restructuring of the campus, combining the Myers property with the original campus. His goal was to make it look like it was planned that way. A visitor to the campus can see that he accomplished his goal.

Following Peaselee as the third president of VTI was its present president, G. Edward Hershman, son of the founder. His brother, Arthur L. Hershman was named Vice-president of the institute.

Steinmetz Hall was constructed in the fall of 1966 so that the school could accommodate more students on campus. This dormitory includes facilities in the lower level for several of the clubs on campus including the Audio Club, the Model Railroad Club, and the Camera Club. The student radio station, WVTI, and the student Ham Radio Station, W9SAL, are located in Memorial Hall.

The early part of the 1970s saw the creation of the Wilbur H. Cummings Museum of Electronics, named in honor of the first president of the Alumni Association. Everything from the early 1912 spark gas transmitter from the Dodge school to early portable radios can be seen in the museum. The collection is growing as more alumni find things in their attics which should be in the museum.

Dedicated during VTI's centennial celebration in 1974 was Audio Junction, the Sound Gallery of Distinction. The gallery is a retail outlet for some of the finest audio equipment available. It is also located in the Myers building, named Hershman Hall in honor of VTI's founder.

. . . .CITY OF CHURCHES. . . .

For many years Valparaiso has been widely known as a "city of churches"—and this spiritual uplift is still very much alive here today. Current records indicate that there are more than 20 churches located in Valparaiso at the present time.

Where once congregations met for worship primarily in the near-downtown section of the city, today the number of central core churches has diminished. Many have moved to the outer fringes. Need for more parking played a partial role in the decisions for re-location. But more than that some of the moves were dictated by the deterioration of the old time buildings.

A look into Valparaiso's church rosters brings forth such thumb-nail views as these:

The Apostolic Christian house of worship is located at 805 East Jefferson Street. Prior to occupancy there by the present group, this structure was the meeting place for members of the Assembly of God Church.

When the Assembly of God vacated the Jefferson property, they moved their quarters to 154 West Chicago Street. This had been the spiritual home of the First Baptist congregation—but they no longer required the building on Chicago, because they had built a new church home at 2205 Campbell Street.

The Calvary Baptists hold their services at 402 East Harrison—a property on which they have expanded their facilities several times.

The Open Door Baptists convene regularly at 461 Roane Lane.

In October 1967 St. Paul's Roman Catholic members moved their old edifice at Chicago and Campbell streets to a modern and larger edifice at 1800 Harrison Boulevard.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, convenes for its services at 101 Institute Street. It has been at that location since 1931.

Followers of the Church of Christ gather for worship at 1805 North Campbell Street.

As they have done for many years, members of St. Andrews Episcopal church continue to hold services at 100 Erie Street.

Seventh Day Adventist church is located at 802 Wayne Street.

There are four Lutheran congregations representing various denominations. Members of Christ Lutheran gather for services at 2610 North Campbell Street. Trinity Lutheran is located at 201 North Washington Street.

Lutheran services are also held at the Chapel of the Resurrection on the campus of Valparaiso University. Immanuel Lutheran members recently saw their facilities at their downtown church at 303 North Washington ravaged by fire, and currently all their services are being held at the Immanuel Lutheran school, 1700 North Monticello Drive.

Congregation of the Church of the Nazarene has for many years, and still convenes at its edifice at 154 South Lafayette Street.

The long-established First Presbyterian church services are today being held in new quarters at 3401 Valparaiso Street, having moved there in 1974 from a downtown structure located at Jefferson and Franklin Streets.

A new structure was also built in recent years by the First United Methodist church, which retained its long established property at 105 Franklin Street. It was dedicated in October 1969.

Another congregation of long standing in this community is the First Christian church located at Chicago and Franklin.

Temple Israel holds its religious services at 22 Washington Street.

Others listed on the Valparaiso church roster are: Apostolic Faith, 805 Evans; Central Christian, 156 Willow Street; and Wesleyan, 604 Monroe. Those of Mormon faith meet at 302 Green Acres.

. . . .THROUGH PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION . . . .

The Valparaiso Public Library had its beginning through a public subscription by early settlers in the summer of 1838 and totaled $67.25 for the purchase of books. Through the years this collection of books was kept in various homes in the community. By 1850 there were 500 books.

With the passing of a new state library law in the mid-1800s, these books were distributed to all the township trustees. School authorities purchased new books and along with donations of other books by residents, this new collection was placed in stores, where space permitted, while a clerk acted as librarian.

This haphazard library continued until 1894 when interested citizens formed a library committee of 30 people. The library committee planned to solicit donations from the community hoping to eventually raise enough to purchase 5,000 books.

However, this noble project failed to attain its goal because merchants feared competition from a "free library" and a "higher taxes" warning. Prospects brightened for the library committe in 1897 and a new attempt for funding was headed by Prof. O. P. Kinsey. Money for

2,000 books was raised and a librarian hired at $10 a week. The collection was housed in vacant stores during this period.

In 1904 the first permanent structure for a library was the "Hunt Memorial Library" located on Washington St. made possible by the Will of Hubbard M. and Finette M. Hunt. The library operated from this building for 12 years.

April 1913 saw the purchase of the present land at Jefferson St. and Michigan Ave. by O. P. Kinsey as a new site for the public library. Through the efforts of Kinsey and other board members, a Carnegie grant of $20,000 was acquired for a new building. New York architect, Edward Tilton, soon completed drawings of the new library. The new Valparaiso Public Library was dedicated May 26, 1916.

The present library building has been in continuous use since that time with no substantial changes made on the structure except for relocation of facilities within the building. During these 59 years the collection of books has increased to nearly 52,000 volumes plus films, recordings, framed prints and other services for the library's patrons.

A major step forward in library service occurred July 1, 1973 when the Valparaiso Public Library and Porter County contractual Public Library Boards merged to form the Valparaiso-Porter County Public Library System. Public library service is now available to nearly 72,000 residents in Porter County through permanent library facilities in Valparaiso, Portage, South Haven and Kouts. Rural areas are served by a bookmobile.

. . . .FIRST HOSPITAL IN 1890s. . . .

The first hospital built in Valparaiso was constructed by Dr. D. J. Loring of Valparaiso in the 1890s. In 1905 the ownership and operation of the hospital was assumed by the National Benevolent Association of St. Louis, an agency of the Christian Churches. In January, 1937, the ownership and management was assumed by the Christian Hospital Board of Valparaiso. The hospital was approximately 25 beds in size. The building gave the appearance of being a large mansion-type residence, and still stands across the street from the Valparaiso Library on Jefferson Street.

As a result of the desire to build a County hospital, interested voters succeeded in developing a referendum in the early 1920s, which was defeated overwhelmingly by voters of the County. Again, in 1926, it was put on the ballot and again defeated. Finally, it was again put on the ballot in 1938 and due to the strenuous efforts of local citizens, the referendum passed. The planning and construction of Porter Memorial Hospital was then initiated, and a 48-bed hospital opened its doors on Dec. 9, 1939. The construction costs for this facility were approximately $250,000. During the first six months of operation, the hospital admitted 620 patients and recorded 139 births.

Due to extensive utilization of the facilities, the first addition to the hospital became necessary and was completed in 1948. This increased the hospital bed size to 96 beds, at a cost of $195,000. Continued expansion of services required a second addition, which cost $580,000, and was completed in 1954. This addition increased the size of the institution to 155 beds and 20 bassinets. Further growth in the area and increased use of the facilities required a third addition, which was completed in 1962, at a cost of $1,750,000. This increased the capacity of the hospital to 230 beds and 30 bassinets.

A fourth addition was required and completed in 1969 at a cost of $6.2 million. This addition increased the size of the hospital to approximately 210,000 square feet. It increased the capacity of the institution to 340 beds and 42 bassinets. This addition included a new Operating Room Department, a new X-Ray Department, a new Maternity Department and 142 additional patient beds.

Continued growth and activity has required a fifth addition to Porter Memorial Hospital. In the fall of 1973, ground was broken for a $9.2 million addition. The financing is being done primarily through a six-year Cumulative Building Fund Tax Levy which terminated in 1974 and raised over $6 million. Investment of the Cumulative Building Fund, as it was being acquired, resulted in an income exceeding $1.5 million. When completed, the entire addition will be paid, with no outstanding debt.

Presently underway are two other projects being built by the Board of Trustees. First, a Comprehensive Mental Health Center is being built on the north side of the city at a cost of $1.2 million. Of these funds, $300,000 was derived from the hospital Cumulative Building Fund and the remaining $900,000 furnished by the Indiana Department of Mental Health. The facility is being leased to the Porter-Starke Services, Inc., who is responsible for operation of the center.

. . . .WELL QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS. . . .

The city of Valparaiso and surrounding community has been ably served by well-qualified physicians. In 1936 the Christian hospital on Jefferson St. was the center of activity used by local doctors. Miss Clara Gulbransen was supervisor; surgical laboratory was on the second floor and patients had to be carried to the lower floor where space was at a premium.

The early 1940s saw a new county hospital built and ready to serve the community. From records furnished by Dr. C. M. Davis (a Logansport native) who came here as a licensed physician in 1928, the following were his co-workers, all of whom have earned the rank of completed careers:

Dr. Ross Axe, Dr. Wm. Bateman, Dr. R. D. Blount, Dr. C. H. DeWitt, Dr. Samuel Dittmer, Dr. A. O. Dobbins, Dr. G. R. Douglas, Dr. Ralph Eades, Dr. Malcolm Fyfe, Dr. H. E. Gowland and Dr. Harry Hayward.

Also, Dr. F. J. Kleinman, Dr. Kjos, Dr. LaRocca, Dr. Mark Loring, Dr. E. H. Miller, Dr. Leo Noonan, Dr. Henry Poncher, Dr. E. H. Powell, Dr. Leonard Sachs, Dr. G. H. Stoner and Dr. Paul Vietzke.

Valparaiso like other modern cities has seen the individual family doctor give way to the medical clinic where

groups of doctors serve the community. One of the first organized locally was the Valparaiso Medical Center at 1005 Campbell, promoted by Dr. Paul Vietzke and others. Shortly thereafter, upon his return from military service, Dr. Eugene DeGrazia established a clinic at 802 Laporte Ave. near Porter Memorial hospital.

As business activity seemed to move north, a group of dentists established a clinic at 809 Wall St. Much later a large medical clinic was built, including a pharmacy at 1101 Glendale. The prime planners here were Dr. Robert Koenig and Dr. Leonard Green. Following, the Moayad clinic at 1105 Glendale became a reality. In the meantime the Dittmer brothers, Jack and Tom had established offices at 60 Jefferson St.

. . . .COURTS KEEP PACE. . . .

A resume of the activities of the courts and legal profession in Porter County for the past 40 years reflects a development comparable in scope to that of the county in general. Whereas 40 years ago the population of this county was approximately 25,000, it is now in excess of 80,000 and shows no evidence of diminishing in its rate of growth.

Forty years ago two courts served the county, the Porter Circuit Court of the 67th Judicial Circuit of Indiana, and the Porter Superior Court, whose benches were occupied at that time by Judges Charles W. Jensen and Mark B. Rockwell, respectively.

Judge Jensen was followed in office by Ira C. Tilton, Walter M. Crisman, Leo J. Clifford, G. L. Burns and Alfred J. Pivarnik, the present judge. Judge Rockwell was followed by J. A. Fleishbein, Roland P. Sievers and Russell A. Nixon, the present judge.

Several years ago a second Superior Court was created and Russell A. Willis first served by gubernatorial appointment, later to be followed by Bruce W. Douglas, the present judge. The 1975 session of the Indiana General Assembly provided for the creation of a County Court which will eventually replace city and justice courts. This court will be presided over by Bryce E. Billings.

Reverting to the growth in number of the county legal profession, in 1936 the people of Porter County had about 30 attorneys serving their needs. An examination of the Indiana Legal Directory reveals that there are now slightly in excess of 100 attorneys listed in Porter County.

There are numerous reasons for this large increase, the main one, of course, being the greatly increased population of the county and the influx of industries. Another is that many graduates of the Valparaiso University School of Law remain in the county. Still another is the proliferation of appointed boards and bureaus which touch upon the lives of the public in the fields of zoning, planning, obtaining permits and other areas into which governments at all levels appear to be encroaching. What, years ago, were relative simple matters are now controlled or affected by governmental regulations of the most complex nature and often require the services of attorneys.

One important change in the practice of law during the period under discussion is the organization of large membership law firms. This serves the purpose of expense sharing and permits the various members of the firm to indulge in the specialization of practice. Forty years ago few firms in Porter County comprised more than two or three attorneys. It is apparent from this resume that the practice of law today is not the prosey business conducted in the comparatively dingy office of yesteryear. It is now called upon to serve in many fields and solve many problems which formerly did not exist or were handled by laymen without benefit of legal counsel.

. . . .CHANGE ON THE SQUARE. . . .

Only 40 years ago most of the residents of Valparaiso could do all of their shopping for groceries and other needs in the downtown area, for the square around the courthouse was substantially occupied with a variety of mostly home-owned stores, large and small. That was in 1936, the year the county observed with a celebration its 100th anniversary, and the city population was about 8,500.

It was not uncommon on a Saturday night to see crowds of farmers on the city square, in small groups chatting about the weather and whatnot, and just before the stores were to close, rushing into them to make their purchases, and then climb into their cars, or buggies and take off for home in the country. The throngs were larger in the spring, summer and fall, than in winter, because of the weather.

As the years progressed, however, some of the larger stores began to move to the periphery of the city, and in some instances shopping areas were established, for the convenience of customers who did not have to travel so far as the center of the city for their needs. To these areas, smaller stores were established in clusters that became shopping malls, catered to most household requirements.

On an average day in 1936 many farm vehicles, some drawn by horses, were tied up at rails around the Courthouse square, and tethered at places on the streets parallel to the sidewalks. The first area outside of the central core to attract stores and business was the East Lincolnway district, where a hardware and auto dealership was established, later being added to by other businesses.

As the city's population grew to the figure of 20,500 in 1975, it meant a spread-out of homes and apartments to new territory beyond the old city limits, which were expanded by the city council frequently, in most directions, but mainly to the north. Physicians followed the trend to the outskirts of the city and built handsome clinics with large car-parking lots that drew more patient business than was possible in the crowded downtown area.

As the city expanded in area, chain stores moved to town, mostly in the shopper centers with ultra-large parking facilities, and these drew lots of smaller stores to the section, making greater business for all. All these expansion moves of course provided problems for the

city officials, who were faced with increased traffic flow, crossing flashers, pedestrian protection and police patrols. What followed inevitably was the extinction of most of the locally-owned shops and stores, that were vulnerable to the larger chain promotions to draw cutomers, who found that their pricing was an inducement to switch buying patterns.

The era of the '30s was one of depression-like slowdown, during which every family used more care in its expenditures and affected business in general, particularly of luxury items. This in turn whittled down participation by business of its link with organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants Association, etc.

. . . . SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION . . . .

The heritage behind Valparaiso's financial institutions has had a significant contribution to the progress of the community. In the years following the Great Depression, Valparaiso had three financial institutions. All had survived the depression and had as their unwritten common goal: To help residents, both new and old, to establish businesses, build, buy and remodel homes, and to aid residents in maintaining the highest possible standard of living conditions.

Growth of all three of Valparaiso's financial institutions has been attributed to the wise and conservative management of each. Competition between the institutions has proven to be the major influence for growth as it is in all types of business. The residents served by these financial institutions are the people who make competition possible. It is with great pride during this 200th anniversary of our nation that First National Bank of Valparaiso, Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company, and First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Valparaiso extend their thanks and appreciation to the people who have made their success possible.

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In 1936 First Federal Savings of Valparaiso was quartered in the Bornholt Building at 11 East Lincolnway. It conducted business at this location, now occupied by Moltz Jewelry Store, until November, 1938. Mark L. Dickover was elected president in 1935 and served in that capacity until 1957, and as Chairman of the Board until 1962. He served the association in varying capacities for nearly 62 years. Dickover had the distinction of being the nation's oldest savings and loan official, working at his desk right up to the day prior to his death in June, 1962. The association moved its office in 1938 to 66-68 Washington Street. The building at this address had been occupied by the Valparaiso National Bank which failed during the depression.

Fred H. Bartz was elected president of the association in 1958. In the latter part of 1960, the first branch office of the association was opened in Portage. Also in 1960, First Federal began acquiring land around its home office on Washington Street. Acquisition was completed late in 1967 and in March, 1968, razing of several old buildings started the initial phase of construction for the association's new four-story office building. The new office was opened for business on Dec. 15, 1969. In 1965 Joseph C. Durand was elected president and still holds that position today.

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The year 1936 witnessed Bruce Loring, a local attorney, become president of the First State Bank of Valparaiso. With Loring's sudden passing after only two and one half years in the presidency, Paul Nuppnau became the first non-attorney in the bank history to be appointed to the presidential position. With 11 years of bank experience, Nuppnau brought with him a strong working knowledge of bank operations, and guided the bank through the war years of the forties and early fifties.

In 1955, the fifth president, Wayne Stoner, was elected at the time of Nuppnau's death. Stoner was in office when the bank changed from the First State Bank to the First National Bank, upon receiving a National Charter. Also, Stoner played a major role in the Dec. 16, 1960 opening of the Portage branch office, as well as the east branch office, which was opened Jan. 12, 1970.

Atty. George Douglas became an interim president in 1974. Although Douglas' term was short, he was instrumental in effecting a smooth transition until William J. Welter became president in July, 1974. During Welter's presidency, the bank merged with the Citizen's Bank of Hebron on Feb. 28, 1975, expanding operations in south Porter County.

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Located at the corner of Lincolnway and Franklin Streets, the Farmers State Bank had as its president Patrick W. Clifford. Clifford, who had pioneered much of the area in railroading, became the bank's fifth president. He led the bank during the post-depression years. In 1941 Edward Ohlfest, a long-time officer, was elected president. Upon his untimely death in 1950, Harold W. Cleveland assumed the office of president.

An expansion program nearly doubling the size of the quarters and modernizing the exterior of the building was completed in 1957. In 1959 the bank purchased the corner lot on Michigan and Jefferson Streets and constructed three drive-in teller windows. Atty. James W. Chester became president and chairman of the board in 1960. Chester held both posts until 1966 when Robert B. Coolman was elected president.

In 1970 Coolman became Vice Chairman of the Board and Executive Vice President Joseph W. Bibler became president. Chester continued to serve as board chairman. Also in 1970, three parcels of land were put together in the purchase of a quarter block north of the main office, thus accommodating customer parking and an additional drive-in, walk-up window.

. . . . INDUSTRIAL LIFEBLOOD . . . .

Lifeblood of the community is provided by its approximate 30 manufacturing plants and shops. Valparaiso's industry is widely diversified and offers employment in the main to skilled and semi-skilled workers.

Among the manufactured products are ball bearings, electric lamp guards, electric switches, automobile parts, permanent magnets, food processing machinery, bake-

lite products, fiberglass tanks, fruit juice cans, automatic sprinkler systems, steel rollers, refined metals, machine tools and aprons.

These plants and shops include:

The Electrical Division of MCGILL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. was founded in 1905 and is the oldest continuously operating major industry in Valparaiso.

McGill snap-action, toggle, rocker, momentary contact, push-button and universal lever type switches are used in electrically operated products of all types from appliances to computers. Both standard stock switch series and switches designed and built to customer specifications are produced. Electrical Division sales to the original equipment manufacturer market have shown steady and substantial growth in recent years. Introduction of new exclusive switch designs has built McGill's recognition as a supplier of switches of unsurpassed quality and versatility. In addition to switches, the McGill Electrical Division, with two plants in Valparaiso, produces service lights, lamp guards, sockets, lamp changers and many other electrical safety products for the electrical construction and maintenance field.

McGill's Bearing Division started in 1925, manufactures precision anti-friction bearings including needle roller, caw follower, spherical roller bearings and pillow blocks as standard products. In addition, McGill designs and produces special needle, roller and ball bearings to meet specific customer needs. The Bearing Division is well recognized as a major source of quality precision bearings and a leader in the development of improved bearing designs. McGill bearings are used by leading manufacturers of a broad range of products including machine tools, construction machinery, hydraulic pumps, aircraft, outboard motors, etc. McGill has a second bearing plant in Culver, Indiana and a third in Monticello, Indiana.

Corporate offices of McGill, as well as the Valparaiso Bearing Division, are located at 909 North Lafayette Street. Principal officers of the company are Charles S. McGill, Chief Executive Officer; James C. McGill, Secretary; A. B. Williamson, President; Arnold Brown, Vice-President Manufacturing—Bearing Division; and James S. Eason, Vice-President and General Manager—Electrical Division.

Employment at divisions in the Valparaiso area totals 1,015 according to information received from Darwin C. Whitesell, Director of Advertising. Total employment at all locations is 1,260 persons.

Products of McGill Manufacturing Company are distributed throughout the world and are recognized for consistently high quality and excellence of design.

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Headquarters of INDIANA GENERAL are at 405 Elm Street. IG is a division of Electronic Memories & Magnetics Corporation whose headquarters are at 1880 Century Park East, Lost Angeles, California 90067.

Indiana General was founded in 1908 in a small building on Elm Street as the Indiana Steel Products Company. In 1959 the name was changed to Indiana General Corporation after a consolidation with General Ceramics, Inc. of Keasbey, New Jersey. In 1969 Indiana General merged with Electronic Memories, a California company, to form Electronic Memories & Magnetics Corporation. IG's major product is permanent magnets and magnetic materials produced in it's Valparaiso plants which employ more than 600 people. Millions of magnets made in Valparaiso are vital components in a wide range of end products including automobiles, appliances, telephones, radio and television sets, electric motors and a host of others. The president of Indiana General is James D. Norman with headquarters in Valparaiso.

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From 1910 until 1957 URSCHEL LABORATORIES, INCORPORATED was housed in a relentlessly expanding complex of buildings located at 158 South Napoleon Street.

Founded by William E. Urschel to manufacture his newly-invented gooseberry snipper, the business became a springboard for the development of dozens of other unique machines for harvesting and processing a wide variety of foods. Hence, the presence of the word "Laboratories" which is still retained in the title of the firm.

In recent years all effort has been toward designing and manufacturing high speed, precision cutting machinery for use in the food industry. Because of the wide use of these machines by every major food processor, it may be said that everyone each day enjoys at least one food product prepared with the assistance of Urschel machines.

October 1957 marked the move to the present location at 2503 Calumet Avenue. At that time, the newly constructed plant covered 18,500 square feet and since that time has been expanded to its present size of 90,000 square feet. Urschel Laboratories, Incorporated is a family owned corporation employing 160 persons. Officers are Joe R. Urschel, president, Gerald Urschel, vice-president, Kenneth Urschel, secretary, and George Pilgrim, manager of marketing. National and international sales are under the direction of Charles Ashton, vice president of sales.

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CHESTER, INC. is the world's largest popcorn seed firm—and it boasts that it produces the most expensive popcorn in the world. Chester's popcorn enterprise, however, is but one of the firm's four principal departments.

Operating fertilizer plants at Valparaiso, Boone Grove and Brookston, it is one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of liquid fertilizers and equipment in the Midwest. Also it distributes agricultural chemicals throughout Indiana.

A fourth department involves Chester's planning and building of grain and feed processing, drying and storage systems—on the farm and commercially. This unit specializes in the design and installation of irrigation systems for agricultural and commercial markets. It also operates a complete winter recreation vehicle sales and service—including snowmobiles, accessories and clothing.

Actually the company was established in 1936 by George F. Chester and Son as a hybrid seed corn company, and was purchased by the present owners in 1951, who used the name Chester Hybrids, Inc. In 1967 the hy-

brid seed corn department was sold to Cargill, Inc., and the name was changed to Chester, Inc. The firm later constructed a new plant on U. S. Highway 30, three miles east of Valparaiso, which through the years has grown to a sizable complex of buildings and facilities.

Principal officers are Orville C. Redenbacher, chairman of the board; and Charles F. Bowman, president and general manager.

Earlier Redenbacher managed the 12,000-acre Princeton, Ind., Farms, and Bowman managed the Purdue University Alumni Seed Improvement Association.

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THE ANDERSON COMPANY joined the ranks of Valparaiso industries in June, 1961 with the opening of its Roton Products Division. Located at 260 South Campbell Street, the division has steadily expanded its line of products to include certain categories formerly manufactured at the Gary facility.

256 people are presently employed here in the manufacture of equipment such as power seat and window control mechanisms for the automotive industry as well as Roton linear motion actuators for a wide variety of applications.

Historically, a large part of the Anderson Company's sales volume is to the automobile industry for original equipment as well as after-market replacement. The familiar Anco brand of windshield wiper blades, arms and accessories is distributed nation-wide and to countries of Central and South America, Europe, and the Orient. Seat recliner mechanisms are shipped principally to customers located in Michigan and Kentucky.

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One of Valparaiso's newer industries is INDIANA INFORMATION CONTROLS, INCORPORATED founded in 1967 for the purpose of providing professional data processing services to banks, business, and industry. Located at 2401 Calumet Avenue, Indiana Information Controls is a complete data processing complex. Modern facilities cover more than 15,000 square feet and include the newest computer hardware, an environmentally controlled computer room and complete archive vault system for tape storage. Indiana Information Controls is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Urschel Laboratories, Incorporated.

The 60 employes of this company comprise the staff of analysts, computer programmers, operators and transportation personnel, all of whom are carefully trained to keep pace with the latest developments in computer technology. Customers now include 54 banks and 175 businesses throughout Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

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OWENS-CORNING FIBERGLAS CORPORATION started production in its Valparaiso NCP, Non-Corrosive Products Division in 1969. Four years later in 1973, a companion R & C Division of the same corporation began manufacturing polyester resins.

Both divisions are located on adjoining sites east of the city on US Highway 30. Herm Waters, Plant Manager of the NCP Division stated that 74 persons are now employed in the manufacture of two general types of storage tanks. The underground types of tank range in capacity from 1500 to 12,000 gallons and are used primarily for storage of petroleum products. Aboveground tanks are available in sizes from 3000 to 30000 gallon capacity, and are used to store and process acids and chemicals, and also for water storage.

Products of both Valparaiso plants of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation are marketed throughout the United States and shipped by truck to their destinations.

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THE COCA COLA COMPANY, FOODS DIVISION, of Houston, Texas opened its Valparaiso production facility in September, 1968 and by April, 1969 reported employment of 35 people at this location.

Situated in the industrial area east of Valparaiso along US Highway 30, this plant manufactures 46 ounce size steel cans for HI-C Fruit Drink. Choice of the Valparaiso site by company officials was largely influenced by the availability of tin plate from mills conveniently located only a few miles distant in north Porter County.

Cans produced at this plant are shipped by truck and rail to contract packers in Texas, Oklahoma, California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Employment during much of the 1975 period to date has been at a peak of 55 persons according to Carolyn Hamacher, Staff Assistant to James Callahan, Plant Manager.

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Francis H. Kroeger, plant manager of UNION ROLLS CORPORATION, confirms that installation of additional equipment is soon to start at the plant east of Valparaiso in U.S. 30. New high horsepower roll grinding and lathe turning machinery will substantially increase the productive capacity of this specialized industry.

Since opening in October 1971, Union Rolls, a subsidiary of Union Electric Steel Corporation of Carnegie, Pa., has found it necessary to expand with the addition of 22,500 square feet, bringing total floor area to more than 50,000 square feet. Sixty people are employed in the manufacturing and reconditioning of forged, hardened steel rolls used in the production of plates and sheets by major U.S. steel mills. Services and products are supplied to cold rolling operations in the Chicago region as well as St. Louis, Mo. and California.

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DAVID E. McDANIEL COMPANY, INC. together with its subsidiary, Eastern Automatic Fire Protection Company of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, provides complete engineering, fabrication and installation of automatic fire protection systems. Organized by the late David E. McDaniel in 1930, the company operates principally in the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Kansas, and Florida.

The Valparaiso headquarters and plant at 1055 West Joliet Road employs 60 people, and total employment throughout the McDaniel organization is approximately 225. Corporate officers include Wayne M. McDaniel, Chairman of the Board, Jerry L. McDaniel, President and Gertrude Keeley, Secretary.

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A Valparaiso firm which from its beginning in 1943 has been identified with the plastics industry is THORGREN TOOL AND MOLDING COMPANY, INC. Started by toolmaker, Charles Thorgren during World War II, the business has remained a family managed enterprise. The small quarters which originally housed the business soon were outgrown, necessitating construction of the present plant at 1100 Evans Avenue.

In addition to production molding of a variety of plastic component parts for industry, the shop is qualified with the machinery and human skills to produce the specialized precision tooling required for the injection molding process.

President, Robert G. Thorgren is assisted in the day-to-day operation of the company by his wife Elinor, who is vice president-secretary, and son Robert Jr., treasurer employs 25 people.

Products of Thorgren Tool and Molding are shipped to all parts of the United States as well as a number of foreign countries.

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WEGENER STEEL AND FABRICATING was started in 1946 at its present location at 906 Evans Avenue. This unique business provides the Valparaiso-Porter County area with a variety of services which are usually available only to larger cities. A full range of popular sizes of structural steel plates and shapes are carried in stock for immediate delivery.

A force of 11 full-time employees is available for welding, bending, rolling, shearing and custom fabricating operations to the user's specifications. Crane rental service is also available for installation of trusses, structurel steel and other specialized needs of the construction trades. Warren P. Wegener, owner of the company, indicated that expansion is a continuing process with his firm and takes place whenever growth demands occur.

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PHILLEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC., located at 5 North Lafayette Street, was started in the depression year of 1934 by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Philley. The steadily declining demand for household aprons, originally the company's primary product, made it necessary to expand into manufacturing of ladies uniforms, dresses, smocks and toppers.

Philley products are marketed nationally through selling representatives serving six distribution areas. Employees presently number 26, but peak employment during one period was 76 persons. Officers of the firm are Charles Beach, President, and his wife Edna, Secretary-Treasurer, together with the Founder and Vice-President, Mrs. Mildred Philley.

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Since its founding in 1949, SHEPCO PRODUCTS, INC. has produced a diversified line of precision molded plastic items and specialized tooling for manufacturing plastic parts. These products and services reach customers in the U.S. and Canada.

Weights of the various molded items range from two tenths of one gram for the smallest, to a maximum of eight ounces. Control knobs, protective enclosures for threaded parts and test plugs for automotive engine cylinders are just a few of the more familiar applications of high volume plastics molding.

Fred Shepard, president of Shepco, also described the importance of correct coloring in the special Dupont Tyrel material used in the molding of denture bases, now a growing part of this firm's manufacturing volume. Ten persons are employed at the 1808 Calumet Avenue plant location according to Charlotte Shepard, Secretary-Treasurer. The maximum number of employes has reached 18 at various times.

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ATHLETIC LETTERING COMPANY, INC., 1454 Lincolnway, formerly located in Gary, moved to Valparaiso in 1970.

President Doris North reports that employment at the local industry is holding steady at 20 people, but expansion is not presently planned.

The products and services of Athletic Lettering Company enjoy national distribution and reach all segments of the sporting goods and athletic outfitting industries. Die-cut letters of felt and tackle twill are manufactured for shipment to companies which in turn sew them onto garments. Award lettering, embroidered and silk screened emblems, and embroidered bowling shirts are also included among the items manufactured by Athletic Lettering Company, Inc.

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WEMBLEY INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED established its Valparaiso distribution center at 1001 Sturdy Road in 1971. The Valparaiso location was chosen because of its advantages as a central shipping point for the 13 state midwest market. Products manufactured in the Wembley plant at New Orleans, La., are shipped by truck to Valparaiso and other warehouses located to serve geograpical marketing areas in the United States. Since its opening, employment at the local industry has remained steady, presently numbering 13 people. Seasonal demand for the Webley line of men's neckwear is at an unprecedented high with little evidence of slowing down according to Vice President, Mike Kopfler.

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Partners John Kauffman and Orville Birky of PENNSY ELEVATOR may hold the distinction of managing the oldest continuously operating business in Valparaiso.

Originally started in 1863, ownership and management have changed a number of times through the years. The business, however, remains essentially a farm service enterprise. Pennsy Elevator at 352 Washington Street offers custom feed grinding as well as a comprehensive line of farm supplies including fertilizers, fencing, grain, feeds and supplements, plus dozens of other necessities.

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Valpo Velvet is a name which local residents have recognized as synonymous with quality ice cream for 50 years.

In 1947, the dairy and ice cream plant at 57 West Monroe Street was purchased by Herbert J. Brown and business was carried on with few changes until the processing of fresh milk was discontinued. Operating now as BROWN'S ICE CREAM COMPANY, manufacturing em-

phasis is confined to ice cream and sherbet products which continue to carry the familiar Valpo Velvet name. These products are distributed locally and within a 35 mile area surrounding Valparaiso.

Under the direction of President, Gordon Brown, extensive modernization of the Monroe Street location was completed in 1974. A large ultra-modern ice cream parlor and restaurant, together with ample off-street parking area, was included as a part of the program providing hungry citizens the opportunity to expand their enjoyment of Valpo Velvet.

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A major supplier of ready-mixed concrete to the rapidly growing Porter-LaPorte County area is SMITH-NUPPNAU READY-MIX, INC., 360 West Indiana Avenue. A respected name in the Valparaiso business community for more than 50 years, the firm now includes LaPorte Ready-Mix Division, and City Ready-Mix Division at Michigan City.

Incorporated Jan. 28, 1921, the present officers of the corporation are Arthur P. Smith, President, William D. Nuppnau, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Byron Smith III, Secretary.

Employment at the Valparaiso division is 16 persons, down slightly from the peak figure of 20. Deliveries can be made to any point in Porter County from the centrally located Valparaiso plant by means of fast, heavy duty, radio dispatched transporters.

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J. R. KENT, INC., 902 Evans Avenue, has been in business since 1954 providing heating, cooling and ventilation for industrial and commercial needs. Plate fabrication as well as engineering, erection and installation services are performed by the Kent organization, serving plants in the three state area of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

Officers of the locally owned corporation are James R. Kent, president, and Norma Kent, secretary. The number of employes is presently 35, but a maximum during peak production periods has reached 110 persons.

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Larry A. Klemz, President of THE HERALD PRESS, INC. OF VALPARAISO can trace the history of his company back thru several predecessors including such names as V-M Print Mart, Valpo Reminder and the original printing firm of Wade and Wise.

Incorporated in 1970 under its present name, other officers of The Herald Press, Inc. are vice president Jerilyn K. Klemz and secretary-treasurer, Althea C. Klemz.

Working primarily within the Valparaiso trade area, the firm with 6 full-time employes provides commercial printing services with emphasis on the specialized needs of industry and organizations. The Center Street location adjoining Valparaiso Technical Institute has been the home of The Herald Press for the past several years.

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A number of publishing and printing establishments are located in Valparaiso. One of these is HOME MOUNTAIN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC., started in 1952 and located at 502 College Place. Eight full time employes utilizing the most up-to-date equipment and techniques produce a complete line of commercial printing services.

H. F. Keller, President, stated that Home Mountain serves accounts within a 100 mile radius of Valparaiso, and is contemplating expansion to meet the continuing needs of a growing market.

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Another firm, LORENZO D. SMITH PRINTER, for Particular People, has been a familiar part of the Valparaiso business community for more than 60 years. A variety of commercial printing is offered by the proprietors, Robert E. Randall and son David.

It is interesting to note that this company was started in 1914 by Lorenzo D. Smith using a spare room in the residence at 605 Indiana Avenue. The business later expanded into larger quarters constructed at the rear of the same address where it is still located. Smith, and later his son Arnold, operated the enterprise until Dec. 31, 1973 when ownership passed to the Randalls.

PASS FROM SCENE

The 40-year period between the Porter County Centennial of 1936 and the national bi-centennial has seen a number of industries pass from the Valparaiso scene.

CONTINENTAL DIAMOND FIBRE CO.

Continental Diamond Fibre Company discontinued operation May 31, 1961 after more than 30 years. From 1900, the South Campbell Street site was familiarly known to local residents as the "mica factory", and at its peak there were nearly 600 people employed there. The original building housed the Valparaiso Woolen Mills from 1880 to 1900. In 1900, the property was acquired by the Chicago Mica Company and in 1930 by Continental Diamond Fibre Company. The company manufactured mica products used by the electrical industry, and laminated phenolic materials.

Decision to close the Valparaiso plant was influenced by the pressure of increased competition from other forms of insulating materials. Transfer of production to the main plant at Newark, Delaware was carried out over a period of several months prior to the closing in 1961.

PARKER PAINT MANUFACTURING CO

From 1882 until its closing in April 1969, Parker Paint Manufacturing Co. was a part of the Valparaiso industrial family. Founded in Chicago in 1871 as Parker, Ogden, and Heath, the company moved to Valparaiso in 1882 and was located in a building behind the Chicago Mica Company. After being destroyed by fire, the business moved in 1896 to 708 N. Locust Street, remaining there until its closing.

A combination of factors was responsible for owner Frank B. Fabing's decision to discontinue operations. Rapid changes in paint-making technology and materials caused the Parker facilities to become obsolete and costly to operate. Rising costs of labor and raw materials added further to the burdens of manufacturing.

After the death of his son Harold, Fabing continued as

owner-operator-superintendent until the pressure of long hours forced his decision to sell the property to Indiana General Corporation. Frank B. Fabing joined Parker Paint Company in 1935 as office manager and in July 1950, together with his son, purchased the business. Name of the firm was changed in 1960 to Parker Paint Manufacturing Company.

IMPACT EXTRUSIONS, INC.

Closing of Impact Extrusions, Inc. after 14 years of successful operation was largely necessitated by the looming financial burden which would have resulted from compliance with regulations imposed by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA).

Major expansion of the plant at 2102 N. Calumet was completed in 1970 to accommodate new, larger presses, and increase productive capabilities up to 75 percent. Acquisition of the firm by Modern Drop Forge Co. of Blue Island, Illinois, was also finalized in that same year to further improve the services of both companies.

Steel and aluminum extrusions produced by this local industry were widely used in the manufacture of home appliances, farm machinery, television, automotive and military equipment. Employment for 35 people was provided at the time operations were discontinued.

The president of Impact Extrusions at the time of closing in mid-1973 was A. W. Pommerville who still resides in Valparaiso.

NATIONAL BRUSH AND BROOM COMPANY

National Brush and Broom Company began business in Valparaiso about 1921, continuing in operation until 1952. Located in quarters at the rear of 10 N. Washington Street, the firm engaged in sales and distribution of brooms, brushes, mops and a wide range of home and industrial cleaning supplies.

At one period there were 30 employes selling National Brush products on a nation-wide basis. Introduction of the compact, convenient cellulose sponge mops in the late 1940s resulted in a substantial increase in business which continued until the death of the firm's owner, M. R. Williamson, in 1952.

NIXON FOUNDRY

Located for many years on South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, the Nixon Foundry moved to Valparaiso in 1943.

Specializing in aluminum and brass castings, the firm produced ornamental lighting posts, automobile radiator grilles and a variety of similar items. Employment at the Valparaiso foundry averaged 10 to 12 people, reaching a peak of 24 when large orders were received from the automobile industry.

In 1966 the Nixon Foundry moved from the location on State Road 49 at Vale Park Road to Monticello, Indiana. When asked about his plans, owner Roy Nixon, now 84 years old, stated that he had decided to close the business and hoped to return to Valparaiso soon.

LANTZ MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Until the time of closing in 1961, the Lantz Manufacturing Co. developed and marketed a variety of innovative tools for the farming industry.

The original Lantz Grapple Hay Fork was invented, and produced for several years at the Lantz farm near Porter Cross Roads. By the early 1940s, the need for increased manufacturing space was responsible for the decision to relocate in Valparaiso. A building at 902 Calumet Avenue, built originally by the Van Doehren Furnace Company and later occupied by Ruggles Pontiac Sales, was selected to house the growing industry.

Peak employment following World War II reached 35 persons, and the product line expanded to include the KUTTER-KOLTER, Ripple Kolter blades and cultivation sweeps. A machine for grinding sickle-bar mower blades was manufactured as well as a few non-agricultural items. These included a type of brick-like facing for the building trade and an elevating device which made it possible for one man to install bulky items such as flourescent lighting fixtures and large wall or ceiling panels.

President of the company was Brice H. Lantz, and information in this article was provided by Walter Rayder who served as development engineer from 1945 until operations stopped in 1961.

FAMILY HISTORIES

ABLE FAMILY

Submitted by: Olga R. Able (Mrs. E.W.)

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, graduating from Arsenal Technical High School, Class of 1918. Employed in Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library, Indiana Division. Married Edward William Able, June 16, 1928 and moved to Chicago when Mr. Able was employed in the Accounting Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad until his death in 1951. In September 1929 moved to Valparaiso for a better place to raise our family, Charles Edward Able and Warren Frederick Able. Became members of First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso in 1930 where both taught Sunday School for many years and Mr. Able was an Elder. Both boys attended all activities of the Youth Fellowship and participated in church summer camps, also Boy Scouts. Charles graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1948 and from James Millikin University in 1956, after serving four years in the U. S. Air Force. He is married to the former Lynda Maier of Aurora, Ill., and they are presently living in St. Paul, Minn. where he is Assistant to the Vice President of Operations, Burlington Northern Railroad. Warren graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1949 and from Purdue University in 1953 with a Commission in the U. S. Air Force, serving two years on active duty. He is married to the former Patricia Madden of Beaverton, Ore. and they are presently living in Enfield, Conn. where he is a Project Engineer for Pratt-Whitney Aircraft. They have two sons, Edward Christopher, entering the University of Conn. this year, and John Frederick who will be a senior in high school. Olga was employed as Church Secretary, First Presbyterian Church from 1951 to 1961. Since that time until the present she is employed as office secretary at National Construction Corp. She is a member of Porter Memorial Hospital Guild, working as Play Lady since 1965. We never regretted our move to Valparaiso, and I still think it is a wonderful place to call "home".

ADAMS FAMILY

Submitted by Mrs. Florence Adams Geiger

In 1832 the government purchased from the Indians all the land in Porter County lying south of Lake Michigan. When this news was heralded through the eastern states, pioneer hearts were stirred, and many families started on the long, hazardous journey westward. Porter County with its rich prairies and timber lands attracted many of these early pioneers.

Henry S. Adams of Jefferson County, Ohio, his wife (Jane Fleming), three little daughters, and his mother arrived in Porter County April 27, 1833. In May he laid claim to 160 acres of land at $1.25 per acre and erected the first log cabin in Morgan Township. He broke twelve acres of the virgin land and raised corn and wheat in order to have food for his family. Deer and wild game were plentiful for meat. There were no roads, but their cabin was near an Indian trail that lead from Lake Michigan to the Kankakee River (now State Road 49). Indians roamed the prairie and often came to their cabin asking for bread. An old settler was heard to say, "There was nothing here but Indians, wolves and snakes." A little stone inscribed, "Infant Adams, 1833" marks the grave of a baby girl that the family thought to be on the corner of their claim, but when the land was surveyed, the grave was where the four sections met; you will find the broken corner there yet to prove this is true. It is known as the Adams cemetery, and there five generations of the family sleep.

In 1840 the first Christian church in Porter County was organized in the Adams' home; services were held in homes and the school house. In 1869 Henry Adams donated an acre of land on the northeast corner of their claim (State Road 49 and 250 W.), and a building costing $2,000 was built. Lewis Comer was its first pastor. Services were held there for many years, but now the hundred and five-year-old church stands as a silent witness and a memorial to those early pioneers. It is known as the Adams Christian Church, and once a year a reunion is held for old members and friends. Again the old bell rings and a church service is held.

All public meetings were held in the homes, and the Adams' home was always open. Henry Adams served on the first jury in Porter County, helped raise funds to build the first courthouse, and was active in all civic affairs.

History says they were all honest and industrious people, and did much in helping organize Porter County.

Henry and Jane Adams had a large family, ten girls and two boys. The oldest, Edward Adams, was born July 19, 1839 (my grandfather) and married Matilda French, daughter of Ora French, in 1862. To this union was born three children: Robert, Lilly and May. Robert married Sarah E. Dick in 1888. Three children were born to this union: Floyd, Florence, and Leland. Floyd married Lulu Shelburne of Fairbury, Nebraska. Leland married Mabel Sholes of Valparaiso. I (Florence) married Henry J. Geiger of Hammond in 1924. I was born in Morgan Township in the house where my father was born and attended a little country school, walking three-quarters of a mile to school over dirt roads. I went to church in the old Adams Church and also Kouts Christian.

In Hammond I attend the Southside Christian Church and participate in many of the civic organizations of the city: Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Historical Society, and Senior Citizen groups. I have two step-children, Herbert Geiger of Hammond and Dolores Seaton of Porter County. Many descendants of the Henry Adams family still reside in Porter County.

Information for this story was gleaned from Family Records, 1882 History of Porter County, and stories handed down by our forefathers.



ELSIE MAE HERREN (MRS. WALTER) AILES

I was born in 1898 in a wood frame house just west of Smoke Road on the Malden-Boone Grove Road, just about a mile from where I live now. The first school I attended was at Cole's Corner, where Highways 6 and 49 cross. We had moved to a house about a mile from there and I walked to school and back, about a mile each way. I was 6 years old. I did that for the 4 years we lived there. By then I had 6 brothers and 6 sisters. Then we moved to the house where Berwin Jones lives, a couple miles west of the place where I was born. Then I went to the Malone School north of Ralph Graeber's place. Then we moved to the Anderson place and I went to Mariam School. I still walked to school—across the fields in good weather and along the road in winter. I graduated from the 8th grade. I started as a Freshman at Boone Grove High School, but had to drop out at Christmas to take care of my sick mother. Through grades 1 to 8, I was always in one room schools with 20 to 25 pupils. Back then you could learn a lot if you just paid attention.

When I was 17, I married Walter Ailes. He was 24 and already had a farm. We lived in his house on the corner near where I was born. He, his brother Bill and his brother Lawrence all farmed together. They dug ditches and laid lines of tile to make a farm out of the marsh. What we call Smoke Road now was just a dirt road along the ditch bank to Valpo. I remember one time riding in the wagon to town (when I was about 13) when the water was up to the wagon box, almost to the horses' bellies.

We built a house on the corner in 1922. George, Arthur, and Harold were born there. Then we built and moved to a little house here, so we could be on better grass for the stock. Mr. Legg sold us the farm for $300 per year. We cashed in our insurance policy and made the first payment. Robert was born there.

The house I live in now was built in 1946-47. Walt drew his own plans. He said, "Mom, what does this look like to you? Is it all right?" I said, "You know more about those things than I do. Just build me a big kitchen." You know, he did, too. My kitchen is still one of the biggest I've ever seen. There was only one night we didn't spend together since we were married until he had a stroke and passed away. That was when he had to go to Wisconsin to close the deal for buying this farm.

Before the milk truck started to pick up milk, we had to haul our own to the RR crossing east of Boone Grove to sell it. We went to Boone Grove Christian Church. We had our wedding reception in the old hall. We really didn't date very long. We went with a bunch of kids ot the Kouts carnival and rode the merry-go-round, went to church together, and had box socials.

Our first car was an Overland with a gasoline engine. We drove it to Columbus, Ohio, to a family reunion. There were two couples and 5 children and all our lunches and clothes in that cracker-box car! Each way took a whole day and part of the night. In 1948 we bought our first Cadillac. From then on we never had any other kind. We drove to California and back.

We got our first telephone in the 1920's, I think. We got it after the night Walt was riding the pony home on the icy road. It slipped and fell on him, then dragged him home by his foot caught in the harness. It was late and Bill was about to go looking for him when we heard "Help! Help!" at the gate. We had to cut his boot off. Dr. Sam Dittmer and his wife, pregnant with Dr. Tom at the time, had a flat tire on their way out, so he drove on the rim to get here. He worked and worked to get the end of the bone back in his leg, then he bound it real tight. Walt walked on crutches and scooted a chair around in front of him until it healed. If it hadn't been for old Doc Dittmer, there were lots of folks who wouldn't have made it. But we did—through smallpox and measles and even the mumps. I have seen a lot of things change, and most of it has been for the better.



WALTER AILES

(as told by Harold Ailes)

None of us knows for sure just where the Ailes family started—that was something that Walter Ailes, my dad seldom talked about. He seldom told us about anything that happened or that he remembered before he started farming in the south part of Porter County. I think that he must have considered those things the important part of his life. They go back to when he was seventeen years old, 1908.

That was the year he made a decision that started him toward becoming one of the most successful farmers in the area. Back then a man was a man by the time he was seventeen or eighteen, ready to start on his life's work.

There were 90 acres of marsh land in the extreme southwest part of Morgan Township that were offered for sale to him. The asking price was $2.00 per acre. But he did not have the cash and chose not to borrow it. Instead he accepted an offer to clear and drain it. He made a partnership with his brother Bill to split their three-fifths share for those years.

They used their team of horses and planned to live in a tent on the high ground in the marsh while they farmed the high ground and tiled the low ground to drain it to the ditch. But that idea was abandoned after they found a rattlesnake under a bedroll one morning. From then on, they made the hour-long trip each morning and night on the draft horses. They spent their nights in a house near Five Points.

The seasons and the weather determined each day's work. Tilling and farming the high ground was their first priority, because that's how they made their income. The rest of the time, they were digging trenches and laying tile to the ditch. They dug them as the water flowed; that is, they tested to see if the trenches were deep enough by observing the water trickling in the bottom. They dug by hand with shovels and spades. They often left their trenches open over night to get rid of some of the snakes. During the night they would fall in with the tiles. As the tiles were covered and the trenches filled in, they would be smothered and thereby disposed of. They often filled in the trenches by using their team and a scoop bucket pulled behind, working the horses on one side of the trench and the men on the other. You had to have a good team to do this.

When Walter married Elsie M. Herren, they set up housekeeping on that land.

By 1915 or 1916 he was farming 200 acres there. Then after the Jones Ditch went through, the land could drain east or west, and it became all tillable. The four sons he sired were all born while they lived in a house on what is now the corner of Smoke Road and Road 450 South. Those four boys provided the necessary work force to expand and improve the farming operation. There was always more than enough work to do.

We got our first rubber tired tractor in 1938. It was an Oliver Hart-Parr 70. It was rated a 2-14" plow tractor. But we still did the planting with a two row horse-drawn corn planter. We used horses and tractors well into the 1940s.

We dairied by hand, and milked for morning and evening chores for years.

From 1928 through 1942, Walter ran a threshing machine. The ring he served went all up and down the roads from where he lived. In the early 1940's several farmers started buying their own little combines. There are still a few around, mostly parked back in old wood lots—they were the ones made by Allis-Chalmers with side opening for refuse. Finally they even were used for oat harvest, and threshing was finished in this part of the country.

Since then the machines have just kept getting bigger and better. In fact, the last day Dad worked was driving his big red Massey-Ferguson combine. He was walking south along that same ditchbank that he and his brother dug through with hand shovels more than a half century earlier, on his way to his house, when he suffered a stroke. He was hospitalized and apparently recovering when his time ran out. He died August 9, 1961, as successful in his seventy years as he could ever have hoped to be when he started working dawn to dusk to turn marshland into a productive farm. His mark on Porter County is part of its soil, still productive, south of Valparaiso, east of Smoke Road.



HAROLD AND ANNABEL (FOSTER) AILES

Both Harold Melvin "Pop" and Annabel Ailes are life-long residents of Porter County. Harold has lived in Morgan Township since his grade school years, Annabel since her birth in the farm house west of the Adams Cemetery. Harold was born a few hundred feet across the road from Morgan Twp. in a farm house near the corner of 450 S. and Smoke Road. Both were delivered by doctors who rushed to their aid: Dr. George Douglas, Sr. and Dr. Sam Dittmer, respectively, on Sept. 30, 1921, and Feb. 13, 1920.

Among their recollections of growing up in this county are walking more than a mile to meet the mule-drawn school bus driven by Ed Cain. He later replaced it with a motorized bus built on the chassis of a Ford A truck. That change cut about 40 minutes off the ride to Morgan School each way. That was in 1931. The social life they recall was simple. They had school activities, like ball games and musicals, and community activities—square dances, going to an occasional movie, church meetings, and Sunday afternoon rides. Most of their time was spent in work. Farming was done mainly with horses, although Harold's dad, Walter Ailes, had a steel wheeled tractor in the early 1920's. Both their parents milked cows and fed other livestock in addition to their grain farming. Of course, milking was done by hand. Walter Ailes owned the threshing machine for his "ring". As many as 14 families worked together up and down the roads from the owner of the threshing machine. Each family did its own shocking by hand and with the old binders. When the wheat and oats had been shocked, usually near the end of July, the threshing would begin; the gang threshed all the wheat progressing along the road in one direction, then did the oats on the way back. That way the farmer whose wheat was done first would have his oats done last. All worked together to provide labor and the women cooperated to provide adequate meals for the 10 to 30 men and themselves. Although some bought combines to harvest wheat in the early '40's, threshing gangs worked until about 1950.

Pop and Ann graduated from Morgan Twp. School in 1938 and 1939, respectively. He was a member of the Cherokee's County Tourney Championship team in 1937. They were married on Valentine's Day, 1941, at the home of her parents, Ernest and Mabel Foster. They set up housekeeping and started their family with his parents, Walter and Elsie Ailes. In 1951 they moved their growing family to the farm they now live on. It was the old Collison Farm, extending north and east from the corner of 600 S. and Smoke Road, the corner where Morgan, Pleasant, Boone, and Porter Townships meet. By then they had their family complete —Carol Jane born April 23, 1942; Derald Wayne, July 25, 1945; Lonnie Ray,

Nov. 16, 1946; and Joyce Ann, Dec. 12, 1948.

He still kept and worked a team of horses, Silver and Jerry, until 1954, when he sold them to a logging company in Wisconsin. All the children were attending Morgan School. They are proud that they all graduated from Morgan, making them one of only a few families to have two complete generations to do so.

By December of 1956, the new house they were building, just a few feet from the west side of the original house, was nearly completed. The day before Christmas, during breakfast, our neighbor across the road, Art Luthi, Jr., came running in the door saying that we should get out of the house right away because it was on fire. The whole family thought he was playing a joke and invited him to sit down and have something to eat. He persisted in his warning and finally persuaded us to go outside, where we saw the smoke curling up from the wooden shingles. His mother Em had already called the Kouts Fire Department, so we went right upstairs and started carrying things outside. Shortly, the flames burned through the upstairs ceiling and we confined our salvaging to the lower floor. In the rush, the Christmas tree and presents were carried out to the front lawn. Annabel and Carol carried the piano out. (It later took four men to carry it back in.) The volunteer firemen arrived soon and extinguished the fire before it did any damage downstairs, but the water they pumped from the ditch to use in fighting the fire made the whole house less than livable. After a Christmas season back at Walter Ailes' house, we moved into the new house, spending much time in the basement, since it was finished first.

The family vehicle was a 1946 Chevy 2 Ton truck until 1951, when a 1951 green Chevy two-door sedan graced the driveway. Since then a succession of various makes and models have served until now. Like his father, Harold prefers his Cadillac.

Besides farming, Pop and his sons operated a livestock truck to the Chicago Stockyards from 1958 through the mid-60's. Then his back operation, Derald's attending Harding College, and Lonnie's being drafted to serve in Vitenam forced a farm equipment and livestock sale in 1967. Through the 4-H programs and FFA, the boys had a respectable Angus herd. The livestock truck sold that day, too.

Having clerked for the Valpo Community Sale under Les Martin and Ralph Herren since the early '60's, he continued there and took a position as teller under Wayne Stoner at First National Bank. Sale clerking lasted until 1975, but his place at the bank enabled him to become currently a Vice-President of the bank.

Harold is a charter member of the Kouts Lions Club and was president for 1966-67. Since 1968, he has been in the Valparaiso Lions, and served there as president for 1970-71. Annabel is active in the Home Extension Club and Lady Lions. Both are members of the Church of Christ.

Even though they have had opportunity to travel around the country, neither of them has ever found a place they would have rather grown up or reared a family than right here.

ALPEN FAMILY

Submitted by: Mary E. Henrichs

Mrs. W. A. McCallum (Katherine Alpen) and her daughter, Mrs. Karl D. Henrichs (Mary McCallum) are the third and fourth generations of the Hans Alpen family to live in Valparaiso.

Hans Alpen was born in Germany in 1836 and came to Valparaiso in 1867. A dairy farmer for the last 20 years of his life, he had previously been a plasterer. When Alpen died Sept. 28, 1912, at his home near Harrison Boulevard and Indiana 49, he was described in his obituaries as "a prominent farmer" and "a cheerful, upright Christian citizen."

Alpen was survived by his wife, Margaret, and by three children who had been born in Valparaiso—F. W. Alpen, Anna Alpen White, and Amanda Alpen Bruhn.

Margaret Plath Alpen was born in Germany in 1850 and was brought to the United States by her parents when she was a young child. Coming to Valparaiso in 1869, she was married to Hans Alpen the following year. At the time of her death, March 18, 1924, Margaret Alpen was commended for her life-long service to the Lutheran Church and she was described in local newspapers as "an exemplary citizen" and "a devoted mother".

Frederick William (Billy) Alpen, born Aug. 26, 1874, was serving his third term as Porter County Commissioner at the time of his mother's death. Having spent the first ten years of his adult life as a barber, F. W. Alpen later went into farming and dairying in what is now the Franklin and Harrison Streets area of Valparaiso. He is credited with having introduced Ayreshire dairy cattle to this area.

In 1919, Alpen began subdividing his 55-acre farm into a residential area known as Alpen Subdivision. When Citizens' Savings and Trust Company was formed in 1920, he was elected vice-president and two years later was president. When that institution merged with the Valparaiso National Bank, he became a director in the new bank.

In 1928 President Herbert Hoover appointed Alpen postmaster of Valparaiso, a job he held for four years. He was a leader in Valparaiso and Porter County Republican circles and served as chairman of the city committee in several campaigns.

In 1936, he was treasurer of the Porter County Centennial Committee.

Alpen was a two-term member of the Valparaiso Plan Commission and was one of three Indiana men appointed by Gov. Harry G. Leslie to compose the Indiana Commission for the Chicago World's Fair in 1933.

Alpen was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the First Presbyterian Church which he served for ten years as trustee.

In 1904, Alpen married Ida Claussen who died in 1910. They were the parents of Katherine Margaret Alpen McCallum who was born May 17, 1906. In 1911, he married Clara Claussen who was active for many years in Eastern Star and in the First Presbyterian and the Washington Township Churches. She died Feb. 15, 1959, surviving for nearly 15 years her husband who died Sept. 7, 1944.

Anna Alpen White worked for many years in Lowenstines Department Store. She and her children, Wilbert White and Geneva Leigh Inwood, are all deceased.

Amanda Alpen Bruhn's husband, John, was a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad. They and their son, J. Vernon (Punch) Bruhn, are deceased.

On Nov. 11, 1931, Katherine Alpen

married Woodburn A. McCallum, a local attorney who served from 1933 to 1964 as Porter and LaPorte County representative of the Federal Land Bank of Louisville.

Woodburn died April 6, 1968, but his wife still lives in the house they built on land which was part of her father's farm.

Katherine is a 50-year member of Eastern Star; she has held several offices in women's organizations of the First Presbyterian Church; and she is a member of the Porter Memorial Hospital Guild.

The McCallums are the parents of two daughters — Mrs. Henrichs and Mrs. Gene R. Duffin (Margaret McCallum) of Goshen, Ind., and the grandparents of Ryan G. Duffin, Goshen.

Mary and Margaret were educated in Valparaiso public schools; Mary is a graduate of DePauw University and of Valparaiso University; Margaret is a graduate of Indiana University.

Mary is a former president of the Valparaiso branch of the American Association of University Women and she is a part-time feature writer for The Vidette-Messenger of which her husband is city editor.

Margaret is president of Delta Theta Tau sorority in Goshen and her husband is an attorney.

RICHARD J. ANDERSON FAMILY

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Anderson live with their family on a farm in Morgan Township that was part of the original town of Tassanong. It has been in the family since 1836 when his forefathers came here with the westward migration following the Revolutionary War, coming originally from Scotland.

The seven Anderson children are the seventh generation of descendants to live on the family homestead.

Mr. Anderson has served the community in many capacities first as Trustee of Morgan Township then as a member of the Porter County Council and presently as a member of the Board of Commissioners, representing the south district.

The family has long been active in the activities of the Morgan Township School from which Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and their seven children graduated.

The Andersons are active in social and civic organizations both local and countywide.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and their family are members of the Kouts Presbyterian Church, where both have served as ruling Elders.

ANDERSON, ROBERT D. & PAULINE J.

Submitted by Robert D. Anderson

I was born in Randolph County, Indiana and my wife Pauline (Polly) Schaeffer in Fremont, Indiana. We met in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where we were married in 1936. During the next few years we were transferred by my employer, The Burroughs Corporation, to Kokomo; back to Fort Wayne and then to Chicago where we lived until I joined the McGill Manufacturing Company in May of 1942. Since that date we have made Valparaiso our home and I worked for the McGill Company until my retirement as president in 1974.

During these years Polly has been active in community life; her interest and talents in music found outlets as soloist and choir director for many years at the First United Methodist Church and as past president of the Valparaiso Community Concert Association. She still serves as member of the board of the latter organization and was privileged to serve as the first president of the Porter County Bicentennial Committee. She was also active for several years in the Tri Kappa Sorority, serving as president of the local chapter as well as a Province Officer.

Through these years, I also have been involved in many civic activities in the community as well as some regional and statewide responsibilities. I served as Porter County's Representative in the Indiana Legislature during 1965-1966 and am presently serving a second term on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, representing the second congressional district. I still serve as a director on the board of the McGill Company and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Valparaiso, and have remained active in community affairs.

Polly and I reared two sons, Thomas and Jeffrey, both attending Valparaiso's fine elementary and secondary schools before moving on to college, Tom to DePauw University and then to Stanford for graduate work and Jeffrey to Purdue and Indiana University School of Medicine. Tom has been employed by I. B. M. for several years and lives in North Hollywood, California with his wife Janice and two sons, Jeffrey and Christopher. Our second son, Jeffrey and his wife Sharon live in Larkspur, California where he is a practicing family physician with offices in nearby Mill Valley.

W. T. ATWELL FAMILY HISTORY

Submitted by Harry Atwell

The Atwells made Porter County their home March 6, 1894 when W. Taylor Atwell and his wife Sarah A. Atwell purchased the farm at Gates Corners, Porter Township. With their only son, Walter E. Atwell, they moved from Chicago to the farm where they lived until they retired in 1913 and moved to Valparaiso. That farm is now owned and occupied by a grandson, Harry and wife Doris.

Walter married Iva A. Rigg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rigg. They bought a farm one-half mile east of Gates Corners and lived on that until their deaths. Iva passed away May 26, 1946. Walter passed away April 1, 1959.

They were parents of five children: Mrs. Paul (Florence) LaCount of Valparaiso; Mr. Harry E. Atwell, R.R. 6, Valparaiso; Mrs. Norman (Margaret) Wikelund, Elm Grove, Wisconsin; Mrs. Eugene (Bernice) Froberg of Valparaiso; and Mr. Roger R. Atwell, South Bend, Indiana. All are graduates of Valparaiso High School except Roger, who is a Boone Grove High School graduate.

The senior Atwells were active people in their community, as are their son and wife, Harry and Doris, of Porter County. Walter served several years as Porter County Commissioner elected by the Republican Party.



1842 AYLESWORTH FAMILY OF PORTER COUNTY 1976

Submitted by Mrs. John C. Aylesworth

In August of 1842 Phillip Aylesworth of Big Prairie, Ohio (Wayne Co.) purchased a 160 acre tract (NW¼ Sec. 9, R-6-W) in Boone Township. Soon after his brother Giles bought directly south of the present Aylesworth Switch an adjoining tract of 160 acres from the same mutual friend, Aaron Lytle. Giles became the first member of the family to settle in Porter County moving here from Wayne Co. in the autumn of 1842. He moved here with his wife and 5 children. He brought 2 wagons, household goods, various tools, grub hoe, axe and musket. Sealed in a false bottom of a dinner bucket was $2,000 in gold with which he bought the farm. His great-grandson, James Porter Aylesworth, still retains the family farm which now has been in the family 134 years.

Giles' brother Phillip never personally came to Indiana because of advancing age, but sold his 160 acre tract to his second son Ira. Ira moved to Porter County with his wife, and son and daughter in 1845. He became principally engaged in buying and selling horses rather than the actual cultivation of crops. He erected a rude, but stout cabin on the edge of the Grand Kankakee marsh ¾ mile north of the present Aylesworth Switch. His home was often frequented by Pottawattami Indians who were still living in the area. His family soon learned to "hang out the latchstring" to the native Americans so that they might warm themselves by the hearth during the cold winter nights. It was not unusual for the family (which now included 7 children) to arise and find several nocturnal visitors asleep on the floor. They would quietly leave the house as the family awoke. The Indians never bothered anyone, or any property, as they felt quite welcome.

During the years prior to the Civil War Ira purchased several adjoining acres (tracts) of land, many directly from the Federal Gov't. as well as the State Gov't. He was heavily mortgaged when the war broke. The wartime inflation brought overnight prosperity to the county. In 1865 a railroad was constructed through Hebron and the South County. These two factors caused his mortgaged holdings to become solvent very quickly. Upon his death in July of 1875 he owned 1396 acres which was then divided equally in value (larger acreages were given to his children) in the Kankakee marsh as it was not fit for cultivation) among his widow and seven children. Of this amount 551 acres are still owned by various descendants and most of it (440 acres) is presently farmed by his great-great-grandsons Michael and Curtis Aylesworth, sons of John Clyde Aylesworth, great-grandson of Ira Aylesworth.

In the latter quarter of the 19th century the 7 offspring of the Ira Aylesworth family lived upon their father's farms, built homes and raised large families. There were often cattle drives through the area from Chicago to the rich grasslands of the marsh. The cattle were the rejects of the stockyards being shipped in "questionable condition" from the railheads in Kansas. Often the drovers would request and receive lodging from the John Aylesworth family (the present home of Lillian Dyniewski). In the return of hospitality the drovers would leave a couple of "doggies" which were too weak to travel further.

By 1910 there were approximately 50 people of the Aylesworth name in Boone township. In 1912 the neighborhood women met for a birthday for one of the Aylesworth ladies. They enjoyed themselves so much that they decided to meet monthly in each other's homes. In 1921 they purchased an old building (which was renovated in 1969) and moved it to its present location. The Aylesworth Community Club has enjoyed 64 years of happy social gatherings in the area.

The advent of the wars, mechanization, and rural electricity in 1940 brought about a slow but marked change in the rural atmosphere of the area. Many of the Aylesworth family moved away for better opportunities. There are however, many persons remaining in the area who are descended from both sides of the two original families which came to the area long ago. They are eagerly awaiting the nation's bicentennial and hope to contribute to the next 100 years of history in Porter County.

John Clyde Aylesworth married Mary Jane Olson in Chicago, Illinois, in 1942. They are the parents of eight children and nine grandchildren, at present. The Aylesworths live in the home where John was born, built by his father Clyde in 1917.

Four of their children are widely traveled. Michael and Linda and Curtis were all in the Orient during the Viet Nam War. Cheryl has taught in South America, Mexico and Europe. She is now teaching in California. Five of the children are married. Mrs. Aylesworth was a "Top-Ten" Homemaker at the Indiana State Fair in 1965, and she was the Indiana Extension Homemaker to India in 1968. The Aylesworths have traveled extensively, as she was a delegate to the Associated Women of the World Conferences in Oslo, Norway (1971) and Perth, Australia (1974). John is Manager of the Porter County Cooperative on Roosevelt Road in Valparaiso, Indiana. Five of their children are university graduates. One daughter is now attending I.U. at Bloomington, and another is enrolled at Purdue North Central.

THE BABCOCKS OF PORTER COUNTY

Submitted by Mrs. Carl Dalke

If courage, initiative and self-reliance were needed in the make-up of a pioneer, then William ("Bill") Babcock and his sixteen-year-old bride Emily ("Em") Rebecca Storms could qualify! They came from the East when the government was selling land in Porter County—an acre for the same price as a yard of calico. They were young, healthy and hard-working, cherishing a dream of owning land where they could build a home. They settled in Liberty Township, ten miles north of Valparaiso at what came to be called Babcock on Babcock Road.

Eleven children came to live in their home. The sons were W. H. ("Hod"), A. J., Charles, Daniel and Frank; the daughters were Lenore, Etta, Rose, Maud, Kitty and the baby, Emma, who lived only a few days.

There were many years of hard work for Bill and Em. Besides clearing the land and farming, Bill built his house, the big barn (which stood as a landmark until 1974 when it was torn down) and a son-in-law 'shanty' which was a comfortable little cottage in the cherry orchard where the children took turns living as they married. For the great sum of $500 Bill built the Babcock School which stood for many years nestled among the trees of the Weitzel woods on Babcock Road—a road which stood deep in mud in winter and deep with dust in summer. Bill cut his own timber to build the little white school which was eventually moved to Crocker, used as a dwelling and later burned.

When the B & O Railroad came through this part of Porter County, Bill sold his timber for ties as did other settlers in the community. Em did the cooking for the crew that built the tracks.

Besides being a fine carpenter, Bill was skillful at making furniture. A fine cherry chest of drawers that was a wedding gift for his bride came with them from the East and is in the home of a great-granddaughter today. The lovely walnut cradle that rocked their children is cherished by another granddaughter.

The long dining room in the Babcock home was very unusual. Bill had built a large bay window to the south which Em filled with flowering plants and singing birds. At one time—besides her canaries—she had a cardinal that could sing the canary's song as well as his own. Nor were all Em's flowers indoors. Her flower garden was a riot of color and her special pride was in unusual shrubs and trees. A red peony with a fern-like leaf which Em gave to the Robbins, another pioneer family, was returned to members of the Babcock family just recently—after 100 years! From this same window could be seen Em's peacocks strutting proudly in the apple orchard. At night they would roost high in the trees, safe from any prowling "varmints".

Also in this bay window stood Em's sewing machine ever-ready to gather, tuck and ruffle for anyone wishing to exchange work. These were the days of the stay, stiffening, flounces, buttons and bows but none were too complicated for Em.

While Em was busy stitching, women would wash — on a washboard with homemade soap which the pioneer women made by leaching the wood ashes for lye to combine with the fats from butchering. Ironing was a real chore—heating the "sad" irons on the kitchen wood stove. There was plenty of baking needed—starting the yeast by growing their own hops—along with cooking, gardening and canning with no modern conveniences.

The Babcock hospitality was enjoyed by a large circle of friends and neighbors. With a house full of pretty girls and likable sons as well as an attractive "school marm" along with several interesting railroad men (whom Em boarded), many came for company and the lively barn dances in the big new barn. One never lacked for good times here.

As time went on the children married: Lenore wed Andrew Gustafson and they farmed. When Lenore died, Andrew married Olivia Carlson and moved to Valparaiso to run a rooming house for Valparaiso University students on Greenwich Street.

"Hod" married Christina Gustafson who had recently arrived in America from Sweden. Hod did some farming then tried homesteading in Kansas but came back to Indiana due to heat, insects and lack of water. He was a contractor—moving buildings of all kinds. He did moving for Frances Howe who lived at the Bailey homestead and was a descendant of Joseph Bailey—the first white man in this area, who established the homestead in the early 1820s. He moved the first building into Gary—a small ticket station for a railroad.

Frances Howe was an easily-recognized figure as she drove a beautiful, high-stepping horse pulling a shiny buggy—holding the reins high—a picture enjoyed by the children of Porter who would run along side.

A. J. married Emma Clevenger and they lived in Porter where his daughters worked in the Featherbone Factory, a new industry on the Porter Boom. A. J. was a skilled carpenter and many of the farmers on the 'twenty mile prairie' would have no one else put up their big barns—many of them still standing sturdy and tall.

Charles married Florence Clevenger but died while still a young man. His widow married George Pratt.

David married Brenda Wetmore, a milliner for the Specht, Finney, Skinner Store. Brenda made Em's bonnets—black straw and taffeta for summer, black quilted taffeta for winter. The bonnets were made much like a sunbonnet with long, flowing ties. Em, dressed in her black taffeta dress and bonnet, lovely brooch at her throat, driving her gray mare, Daisy, was a familiar sight going to Valparaiso where she was a member of the First Christian Church or to McCool to attend the Methodist Church.

Dan and Brenda ran a neighborhood store in the northern part of Valparaiso.

Etta married Alfred Lindberg. They bought the Brasht farm at Salt Creek.

Rose married Jeff Clevenger. They lived just across the tracks from the Babcock farm. Jeff ran a thriving store serving as postmaster and station master for the many farmers who brought their milk to be shipped on the B & O from Babcock Station.

Maud married Charles Pillman who was a railroad man in Crocker.

Frank, so pleasant and gentle, died when he was just a young man.

Kitty married Fred Wimple, a teacher in the schools in the area.

In all the years Bill and Em were always together, making the best of everything that happened to them until

the Civil War came. Bill was called and Em was left alone to care for the children as best she could. She had many trees, but no way to cut wood for fuel until the folks from the Daly settlement just south of Babcock came to her aid.

Bill came home from service blind. Em took him to Chicago for treatment. While he was in the hospital there, the Chicago fire broke out. Em went to Chicago hunting for Bill and finally found him on the lake shore where the nurses had led the patients to safety.

Back home Em gathered herbs along the creek bank and made an ointment that restored Bill's sight. (She had doctored sick neighbors successfully for many years.)

Later another war was to invade the Babcock family—the son Dan and an underaged grandson, Virgil, were in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

Tragedy ended Bill's life. As he was riding on the mower, bees stung the horses. As they bolted he was thrown from the seat and severely cut. By the time he was found, gotten to the house and a horse and buggy sent for a doctor in Valparaiso ten miles away, Bill had lost so much blood that he died. Now Em must go on sad and alone. Courageously, she had her son, A. J., build her a little white house beside the original big farm house. While tenants farmed her fields, Em had more time for travel (spending time with relatives in Washington and friends in California), reading and visiting.

On one trip she was fortunate to meet Carrie Nation whom Em greatly admired. A prized possession was an autographed book received personally from Miss Nation.

Through her reading of the welfare of the United States, Em became involved in politics. She followed the political aspirations of William Jennings Bryan and waited long hours for his arrival for a whistle stop campaign in Chesterton. Her patience was rewarded as Em pushed a favored granddaughter up the train steps and they were the only two to shake the candidate's hand before the train moved on.

During a trip to Chesterton Em took a heavy cold which developed into pneumonia. She slept peacefully away in the little cottage on the Babcock farm.

People for miles around came to pay their respects to Em and—indirectly—to Bill, for with their passing, the community had lost that very remarkable couple—the pioneers of Babcock Station.

BARNETT, HENRY & MINNIE

Submitted by Emma (Barnett) Spangler

It was in March, 1919 that the Barnett family moved from Hallsville, Ill. (DeWitt Co.) to the Harry Pagin farm in Washington Twp. about four miles east of Valparaiso on State road 2, known then as Lincoln Highway. Since the goal of a high school education for each of their seven children was one of their reasons for moving, the ten room house less than a quarter mile from the Washington Twp. school was ideal. All seven children did graduate from there: James (deceased) 1922, Helen (Shobe) 1923, Edna (Henningfeld) 1926, Melvin 1928, Roger 1931, Walter 1932, Emma (Spangler) 1934. Children of the second and third generation have attended and graduated from Washington. Edna, Melvin, Walter and Emma attended Valparaiso University, Melvin and Walter graduating from there. Edna taught at the Luther School for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett were members of the First Christian Church in Valparaiso and were active in the P.T.A. and Farm Bureau. Minnie belonged to the Washington Twp. Ladies Club and Henry was a member of Porter Lodge #137 F. & A.M. In the early days of the Porter Co. Fair (1926), he was president of the Fair Board. A quartet made up of Algie Kaufman, Charles Sheffield, Walter Bartz, and Henry, accompanied by Dollie Bartz, helped provide entertainment at neighboring as well as local P.T.A. and Farm Bureau meetings.

Having more vegetables than were needed for themselves, a piano box was set up in the corner of the yard near the road and the surplus was sold at the "stand". Later, a small store and filling station replaced the piano box.

In 1935, officials of Valparaiso University were searching for a large rock to be placed on the campus and used to hold a plaque celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Lutheran University. Melvin and Walter told them of a large granite type rock that was in the pasture on their dad's farm. It was what they were looking for and was removed and placed on what is now known as the "old campus".

In 1944 Mr. and Mrs. Barnett moved to the home formerly owned by Ed. Hill, located about one mile north of Road #2, on 400E, which was known as the Blake road. The farm on Road 2 was sold to Charles Anders, who then sold the house to Sam Rudman who divided the house at the second level and moved both parts across the road, across the field and the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks to a location on the Cobb road and made two single story houses of it.

Mr. Barnett died in 1966 at the age of 86, and Mrs. Barnett in 1968 at the age of 88.

THE B. J. BARRINGTON FAMILY

Submitted by Flossie L. (Hall) Barrington

The Barrington Family in Valparaiso can not lay claim to being pioneers in Porter County. Unlike those whose roots were anchored in Porter County a century or more ago, we had lived here for only fifty-two years.

Byron J. Barrington first came to Valparaiso in 1919 to attend Valparaiso University. He was born in Sisseton Roberts County, South Dakota where his father had come to establish a law practice when the Indian reservation was opened to settlement. Byron J. came to Valparaiso to complete his preparatory work after having left high school to enlist in the army during the First World War at the age of 17 years.

During the same year, 1919, I came to Valparaiso to pursue training preparatory to a teaching career. My home was in Westville, LaPorte County, where our family lived since I was nine years old. At Valparaiso I lived in a girls dormatory called Altruria located on College Avenue. A large dining room in the basement provided meals for the girls. Boys and girls from the outside were permitted to eat there also. We were assigned tables for the term and it was at table 24 that I first met my husband to be, known as Barry at that time. We were married December 29, 1923. In the meantime he had decided on law as his profession and received his degree in 1927. He practiced law in Valparaiso for thirty-five years, having served as city attorney and also as attorney for the Department of Water

Works for twenty-eight years, 1934-1962. He died April 30, 1963.

We have two sons, James Robert and John Wilson. James lives in Chesterton with his wife Dorothy and sons James R. II, and Byron John II. He served in World War II in the European Theatre and returned to get his engineering degree at Purdue University in 1949. John resides in Overland Park, Kansas with his wife Joan and three sons, John W. III, Paul Byron and Timothy Allan. John spent two years in the army after high school and now represents the Neptune Meter Company in the industrial and petroleum division.

The family home is at 355 Garfield and is noted for the large cucumber magnolia tree which stands in the front yard. It was awarded a certificate for being the largest of the specie in the State by the Department of Forestry which conducts a big tree registry. A descendant of the original owner said it was brought here after the civil war.

The family has been affiliated with First Christian Church for many years and I have served in many capacities through the years. I served as president of the Columbia School P.T.A. in the early years of that organization and also on the P.T.A. Council. I am a fifty-four year member of the Rebekah Degree of which I have been District Deputy president and Guardian of Rebekah Assembly and have held most of the offices in the local lodge.

Of all the names in the directory of which many are duplicates, in the fifty odd years there has never been another of our name in Porter County. Mrs. Flossie L. (Hall) Barrington.

CHARLES ROBERT BARTHOLOMEW

Submitted by Charles Michael Bartholomew

The Valparaiso family headed by Charles Robert Bartholomew, funeral director, can be traced back to southwestern Pennsylvania in the late 1700's —as can several of the Bartholomew families in Porter County.

Jeremiah Bartholomew, who came to Valparaiso in 1835, was a farmer and merchant of English descent. He moved with his parents to Licking County, Ohio, in time to enlist to fight in the War of 1812. In 1817 he married Rebecca Skinner, also of English descent. They settled in Lafayette, Indiana, in 1828, where Jeremiah kept hotel and laid out the northern portion of the city. They moved to Michigan City in 1833, and the next year he bought about 500 acres in Washington Township in Porter County. The following year, he took up residence in Center Township, where he died in 1841.

Washington Stevens Bartholomew, the second of Jeremiah's six children, was born in 1820. His older brother, Artillus V., helped found the Republican Party of Porter County and later served in the State Legislature. Washington married Caroline Stevens, a native of England, in 1849. They had five children: Charles Washington, Artillus, Albert, Elma, and Dora.

Charles Washington Bartholomew was born in Valparaiso on May 30, 1853. In his early years he was a farmer, and later he entered into partnership with Shed Herrick as a merchant. He subsequently became a commercial traveler for a wholesale grocery house. He engaged in the furniture business in 1890 on South Franklin Street at the present location of The Court restaurant. In 1892 he began an undertaking firm, which he moved to North Washington Street, at the current site of Superior Cleaners, in 1909. The firm, known as C. W. Bartholomew & Son, later was located across the street where Temple Israel now stands. Charles Washington married Margaret Eason (Poor), who was also a native of Porter County. Four of their children survived to marry: Charles Leroy, H. L. (who moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin), Alla (wife of Arthur Runyon), and Charlotte (wife of Jack Burt). He died here on November 29, 1925.

Charles Leroy Bartholomew was born in Valparaiso on November 15, 1877. Educated in the city's public schools, he entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and received his D.D.S. in 1909. He established a practice in Valparaiso, later moved to Chicago, and then returned. He then discontinued his practice to enter the undertaking business with his father. He married Cora Louise, daughter of Alfred and Octavia (Hawkins) Bannister of Valparaiso, in 1912; Cora was a graduate of the department of music at Valparaiso University, and she was a founder of the local Tri-Kappa chapter. Charles Leroy entered local politics and served as mayor from 1935 to 1943. He retired from business in 1950 and died December 18, 1960. Cora followed on July 15, 1972.

Charles Robert Bartholomew was their only child, born December 19, 1921—the same day of the year as his mother. He graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1940, having attended Kemper Military Academy in Booneville, Missouri, briefly. For two years he attended Valparaiso University before enlisting in the U. S. Navy. He served until 1948, and was stationed on Saipan for six months. On September 26, 1943, he married Irene Florence, daughter of Marcel and Sophie (Szlegier) Borkowski of New Bedford, Massachusetts; Irene received her B.A. in Liberal Arts from Valparaiso University. C. Robert entered the funeral business in 1949 after graduating from the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the National Funeral Directors' Association, the Indiana Funeral Directors' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks, Masons, and the Loyal Order of Moose. Irene has taught at Morgan Township High School since 1968. He and Irene have four children: Charles Michael, a graduate of Wabash College and the University of Maryland College of Journalism; Robin Dale; Stephen Paul, a graduate of Worshaw Mortuary College and Valparaiso's first registered Emergency Medical Technician; and John Christopher.

Stephen Paul Bartholomew has entered the funeral business with his father at the firm's present location (since 1946) at the corner of Indiana and Monroe. They currently conduct over 120 funerals a year and maintain an ambulance fully equipped for transport of emergency cases.

BASTEL FAMILY

Submitted by Mildred M. Bastel

Mildred M. Bastel—Born in Porter County, Valparaiso May 31, 1912.

Father—William Roy Bastel, native of Valparaiso, deceased.

Mother—Ida Smith Bastel, native of Wanatah, deceased.

Sisters—Dorothy Bastel Marks, Cora Bastel Luecke, Nora Bastel Allen.

Graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1930, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, member of Valparaiso Business and Professional Women's Club and Past President of same.

Employed at The Anderson Company, Valparaiso—secretary to Plant Manager.

JIMMIE W. BAUER FAMILY

Submitted by Torrie Bauer

Jimmie Wilhelm Bauer was born on June 3, 1930 in Valparaiso. He is the son of Karl W. R. Bauer and Frances L. Bauer.

On November 15, 1953 he married Beda June Book at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Valparaiso. Beda was born on August 26, 1935. She is the daughter of Gustav and Beda Book.

Jimmie served in the Armed Forces from May 1951 to February 1953 during the Korean conflict. He is currently employed at U. S. Steel Gary Works as a roll turner. He graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1949. Jimmie is a member of the Elks, Moose, Eastern Star, V.F.W., Scottish Rites and Masons.

Beda also graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1953. She worked for several years in the Courthouse and was elected Porter County Assessor in 1970 and again in 1974, thus becoming the first woman ever to hold that office. She is a member of the Association of Indiana County Officials, Indiana County Assessors Association, International Association of Assessing, Eastern Star, and past president of Republican Womens Club of Central District.

Jimmie and Beda have one son, Torrie, who was born on October 31, 1955 in Valparaiso. He graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1973 and is currently employed as a computer operator at the David E. McDaniel Co., in Valparaiso.

THE FAMILY OF MR. & MRS. GEORGE BEARSS

Submitted by Edith M. Bearss

Mr. George L. Bearss and Estella M. Shoup were married March 19, 1906 in Valparaiso, Ind. He was a graduate of Valparaiso High School and attended Valparaiso University. Mr. Bearss was a farmer in Porter Township during his lifetime, now deceased April 12, 1941. Mrs. Bearss is presently residing at Whispering Pines.

Their son, Carlton married Edith Reif October 14, 1933. He was a graduate of Valparaiso High School and was a farmer and electrician. His wife graduated from Boone Grove High School and from Valparaiso University with a degree in Elementary Education. She taught in the Pleasant, Porter and Center Township Schools.

There are three daughters in this family. Anita married Daniel Buibish and they are the parents of Diann, David and Danita (Mrs. Glen Ford) and grandparents of Daniel Glen Ford.

Miss Nancy Bearss, a graduate of Ball State University, who resides and teaches in Las Alamos, New Mexico.

Janet, who is married to Russell Bowen. They are the parents of a son, Jeremy. She is a graduate of Ball State University and is employed at the City Library in Anderson, Indiana.



ORIS JOHN BEDENKOP AND CATHERINE ELIZABETH (LOOMIS)

Children: Doloris and Pamela

(Oris) I was born December 3, 1912, at New Burdick, ½ mile south of the intersection of 575 East and Burdick Road. There were seven houses there, a boardinghouse, a small store of general merchandise, and a pumphouse ¼ mile east to water locomotives on the New York Central (now Penn Central). I was born in a house there on ground (40 acres) bought from Great Uncle Henry. In 1924 my family moved to the location where I live now, 575 East and Burdick Road. There we had a stone-foundation barn, a few sheds, and a low bungalow-type frame house.

My parents, John and Mussette, had five children—Mayo, Leland, Ramona, Lorene, and me. Mayo and Lorene died in infancy.

I attended Smoky Row School, which was ¼ mile west of my present home. Smoky Row School was probably named for the constant smoke from a nearby small industry, possibly a tannery. I rode a horse to Smoky Row School and drove a Model T Ford, one of very few, to Chesterton High School.

My dad and I joined Farm Bureau under the name of J. F. Bedenkop and Son and remained in it together until Dad's death in 1953. (Mother died in 1943.) The Farm Bureau met in a brick school house at the present site of the Farm Bureau Community Hall at the corner of Brown Road and 1400 North. The Pine Twp. Farm Bureau was organized in 1919 with my dad as one of the organizing members. We met around an old pot-belly stove. I was elected to some offices locally, then county, then to state office as a District Director since 1964. My past and present offices include being a director of the County Co-op for 10 years; director of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance; director of Indiana Producers' Marketing Asso.; director of Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.; vice-president and president of the Board of Trustees of IV Tech (on the Board from 1965-1974), and currently being on the Porter County Sheriff's Dept. Merit Board. I've also been active in Republican politics for many years.

My first experience with farming was plowing with a bob-tail riding plow (1-bottom 14" Oliver) and three horses. The real test was just to get the job done; straight furrows were almost out of the question. Our first tractor was a Fordson, and the next one was a John Deere G with steel wheels around 1934. Instead of trading for a new tractor, we cut the steel off and mounted rims for rubber tires. We had a dairy farm for 32 years with as many as sixty head of cattle at one time.

I remember a Halloween stunt by a bunch of kids. They took apart a wagon loaded with bags of wheat and reassembled the wagon and loaded it on the gable roof of a shed.

In the early 1930's we could have a date in Michigan City, Valparaiso, or LaPorte for a dollar, including a movie for two and sandwiches and ice cream. A professional carpenter and mason could be hired for $2.00 a day plus their dinners. A $150/month milk check was "big."

We were married in 1934 and started housekeeping with the supplies of a broom, groceries, etc., amounting to $3.00!

Doloris Ann was born on February 9, 1936, and Pamela Joan was born on February 1, 1947.

(Catherine) I was born on January 3, 1911, at Rolling Prairie, Indiana, seven miles east of LaPorte to Howard and Elizabeth Loomis. I have three brothers, Norman, Orphie, and Dumont (Bud), and no sisters.

I attended school at Byron School, walking 2¼ miles while I was in the first and second grades. I rode in a horse-drawn bus to Rolling Prairie High School, Hamilton School, and New Carlisle High School. I drove a Model A to Chesterton for my senior year of high school and graduated from Chesterton High School in 1929.

I worked at various jobs during the Depression, including being a doctor's receptionist.

Oris and I eloped on February 3, 1934, with Florence (Swenson) Nelson and my brother Norman helping plan it, including flowers and services by Rev. Clark at Berwyn, Illinois, in the parsonage. I left with my brother for the train from New Carlisle to Michigan City and drove with Oris to City Hall in Chicago. We had to place a call to Oris' folks to verify that he was 21 years old. Beyond our families, we kept our marriage a secret until October. Then we honeymooned at the Wisconsin Dells. Between February and October, we built the "bungalow," a house just east of our present home and where Oris' folks lived at that time.

I had a two-door Whippette car, made by the Overland Co., when we first met. That was at the Benton Farm, one of the prison farms, and I had gone there to see the dairy set-up and the individual water cups. Oris was in the same barn at the time and said to a companion, "There goes my wife," before we were introduced that day.

About 1930 or 1931 the state bought four farms to the north and east of our present home. Prison farms were built on these farms, but there was no real worry about their proximity at that time.

Doloris is a graduate of Ball State Teachers' College and the Ball State School of Nursing with the BS and RN Degrees. Pam is a graduate of Harding College with a BA Degree. We have four grandchildren: Doloris and Husband Earl Radke's Lisa and Dana and Pam and Husband Derald Ailes' Thaddeus (Thad) and Dena.

I helped organize the Pine Twp. 4-H and was an assistant leader for three years and a leader for twenty-seven years. I was on the Porter County Extension Board in the 60's and early 70's and was the secretary for several years and was also a 4-H Council member at one time.

We are members of the First United Methodist Church at Chesterton where I'm on the UM Women's Executive Board and serve as a Circle Chairman and as the secretary of Program Materials.

In 1944 we remodeled the original farm house and moved in after Oris' mom died. In 1957 we added a garage and breezeway, and in 1967 we remodeled again.

DONALD BELASCHKY FAMILY

Submitted by Mr. & Mrs.
Donald Belaschky

Donald Belaschky was a descendant of the Josiah Plummer family who resided in rural Porter County since 1854. His mother was the former Retha R. Plummer.

In 1914 Donald's father Carl migrated to Valparaiso with his parents and three sisters. They settled on Linwood Avenue.

In 1946 Donald married the former Patrica Platts also of Valparaiso. They have six children. Susan who is married to J. Keith Heinold who is associated with Heinold Oil Company in Valparaiso. They have one son and two daughters. Sally is married to Fredric Price, a public relations director at Winona Hospital in Indianapolis. Sally teaches senior literature at Warren Central High School, outside of Indianapolis. James and Fredrick are both employed by General Telephone Company. Jim is married to the former Sharon Butterfield of Valparaiso. Fred is married to the former Florence Johnston of Merrillville. They both reside in Valparaiso. Rodney and Amy are both at home.

Donald has been employed as a turn foreman in the 160 inch Plate Mill at Bethlehem Steel since 1964.



BERLIN FAMILY

Submitted by Jack Wesley and
Jennie Sue Berlin

Jack was born in Valparaiso, the son of Ray S. Berlin, Sr., and E. Floss Berlin. Jennie Sue is the daughter of Joseph S. Allen and Deliliah Allen, Ellenboro, North Carolina, and came to Porter County in 1946.

Jack is a Tool and Die Maker at McGill Manufacturing Company, and Jennie Sue is a secretary at Indiana General. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso.

They have two daughters, Rebekah (Mrs. Ronald L. Bluhm), who lives in Valparaiso, and Susan (Mrs. Richard Tamburini), who resides in Middlebury, Connecticut. Rebekah and Ronald have a son, Christopher, and Susan and Richard have a son, Richard, and two daughters, Lisa and Michelle.

HISTORY OF PROF AND MRS. VIRGIL BERRY

Prof. Virgil E. Berry and his wife Hazel Gibbs Berry moved to Valparaiso in 1919 shortly after their marriage. Prof. Berry had just accepted a position as a law instructor at Valparaiso University then called Brown University. He served as a professor of law until 1959 when he retired. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Valparaiso University Faculty Forum and Delta Theta Phi fraternity. Prof. Berry died in 1970.

Mrs. Berry taught English at Valparaiso University for a short time after their arrival here. She belonged to many local clubs and organizations including, The Valparaiso Women's Club, Valparaiso University Faculty Forum,

Alpha Xi Epsilon sorority, Faculty Women's Club, Valparaiso University Guild and was a founder and past president of the American Association of University Women. She is also a member of First United Methodist Church. She has lived in Valparaiso for 56 years and presently resides at Canterbury Place Nursing Home.

Professor and Mrs. Berry have two daughters born in Valparaiso. They are Emmadean Berry Ramos and Martha Lou Berry Devine. They both lived in Valparaiso until their marriages.

Professor and Mrs. Berry spent many happy years in Valparaiso and both daughters fondly remember it as their home.

MAX AND MINNIE BERNHARTS

The Max and Minnie Bernharts came to Valparaiso in the early 1900s. Five of their six children were born in Valparaiso. Harry, the oldest, died in California in 1971. He moved there from Chicago and was in the real estate business. Mollie Spivak, the only daughter, resides in the San Fernando, Calif. area with her daughter, husband and family. Earl, a retired advertising executive resides in Dallas, Texas.

Rollie Bernhart, the fourth child of the Max Bernharts married Dorothy Retskoff of Chicago where they resided thirteen years after marriage. Rollie served two years in World War II, and on his return, sold his liquor business in Chicago and moved back to Valpo where he resumed his newspaper work which had started when he was 18 and was employed by the Herald-Examiner.

He worked for the Vidette-Messenger for 23 years as a reporter, chief photographer, political editor, and columnist He is in Who's Who, received meritorius awards from the Jaycees of which he was the only honorary member, the United Fund, from Valparaiso University, Porter Memorial Hospital Administrator and Board for 20 years of dedicated service through publicity, and an award from the American Legion Charles Pratt Post for work done as Service Officer, and was appointed to the Volunteer Army Advisory Council in 1974.

He was a close friend and adviser of some politicians and congressmen and attended the reception in Washington, D.C. when Birch Bayh took his senatorial seat as well as attending Chas. Halleck retirement banquet in Lafayette.

He and wife Dorothy were instrumental along with Juanita Borg, teacher at Northview, John Beach, and Bud Brownell in instigating a tag day, a dance and fund raising for the first basketball scoreboard and football boards at the old high school—now Ben Franklin Jr. High. Dorothy was one of the four originators of the Community Theatre Guild, along with Verle Arden, Donna Shankland and Gladys Gray, then Jr. High President of P.T.A. at the time, which is the present Central School. She was active in Jr. Relief Corps. taking young people sightseeing to Chicago and to cultural places, member of the Mothers' Victory Club, Auxiliary Am. Legion, Charter Member of Valpo and Midwest Toastmistress Clubs, twelve years as a hospital guild volunteer, 35 years in Red Cross in Valpo and Chapter Chairman in Chicago, Bus. and Prof. Women's Club treas., and after her husband's death took over as correspondent for the South Bend Tribune and the Indianapolis Star and News newspapers, a substitute teacher and is a Field Enterprise Ed. Corp. representative.

Daughters of the Rollie Bernharts are Mrs. Marcia (John W.) Gold, and Ellen Bernhart of Valparaiso. Marcia is the mother of three children, Andy, 9, Amy 8, and Roni Beth 2. Ellen, is a world traveler, to the Far East, and Middle East where she was employed at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. At Wesley in Chicago she was a head nurse in obstetrics and currently is employed at the Merrillville Broadway Methodist Hospital. Marcia was twice a Speech Contest winner locally, on a Council level as well as Toastmistress Regional level.

The younger brother of Rollie Bernhart, Irvin and wife Laura (Bartz) reside in Jackson, Mch. and are both in real estate; they have five children, Janet is a personnel mgr. in a dept. store in Jackson; has one son. Carol, has two boys and is Mrs. Mike Barnard and is in Battle Creek; James and wife Linda, both Valpo Univ. graduates are in Ft. Wayne, Jim being an engineer at Magnavox, Charles is a doctor at Sinai Hospital in Detroit; Phil is completing Ann Arbor Univ. and expects to go into dentistry.

The youngest brother Milton of the Max Bernhart family is in Burbank, Calif. and is a trombonist and plays backdrop music for movies, TV specials and owns the Kelly Travel Agency in Beverly Hills, Calif. He has two sons and a daughter.

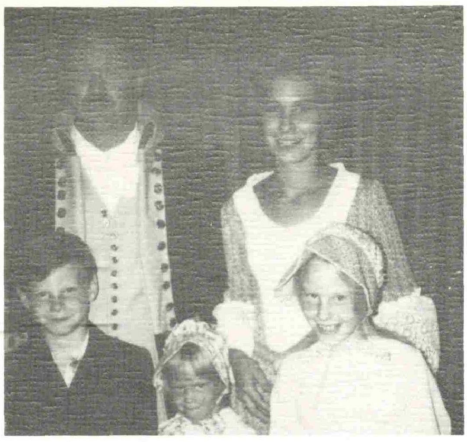
THE BLACHLY FAMILY

Thomas Blachly, the progenitor of the Blachly family in the New World, was born in England in 1615, and died in Boston in 1674. His father emigrated to England from Holland. Thomas disembarked from the good ship "Hopewell" at Boston Harbor, July 28, 1635, and in subsequent moves with his wife, Susanna Ball, lived in Hartford, New Haven, and Branford, Connecticut.

In direct line, following Thomas, came Aaron Blachly, Ebenezer (first), Ebenezer (second), Dr. Miller Blachly, Dr. William Boyd Blachly. The latter, Dr. William Boyd Blachly born in Trenton, New Jersey resided for twenty years in Washington county, Pennsylvania, then moved to Wayne county, Ohio in 1816, where he platted Blachleyville, December 16, 1833. From Wayne county, Ohio Dr. William Boyd Blachly, and his son, Dr. Cornelius, moved to Blachly's Corners, now known as Union Center, some six miles west of Valparaiso on June 6, 1836. Owning land three miles west of Valparaiso in Union township, he set aside a parcel of land for burial purposes, and known as the Blachly Cemetery, where he is buried.

Dr. William Boyd Blachly had two wives, Sarah VanSickle, who died in 1810, and was the mother of eight children, and Elizabeth Bartholomew, whom he married in 1811, was the mother of eleven children, and is buried at Blachly Cemetery.

As most families, their individual interests and activities were divided, some were farmers, others teachers, and a number of doctors.



THE WILLIAM D. BLASINGAME FAMILY

Bill and Diane Blasingame reside at 3803 Hemlock Drive in Valparaiso, Indiana. The three Blasingame children are Tammy, age 9; Frank, age 8; and Tracy, age 5.

Bill received his B. S. degree from Purdue University. He is an electrical foreman for Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

The Blasingames are members of Christ Lutheran Church. Diane has been director of the church's vacation Bible school, has served on Christian education projects, and is a Sunday school teacher.

Tammy, Frank, and Tracy attend Cooks Corner School. Diane has worked at the school as a volunteer teacher's aide, teacher of ceramic mini-courses, and is currently a girl scout leader.

Bill is a member of Porter Lodge 137, F & A M, South Bend Scottish Rite, and York Rite bodies of Porter Lodge.

As a family hobby, the Blasingames do ceramic pouring, firing, and painting. Bill is a model railroad hobbyist. The Blasingame children display collections of ceramic soldiers, dolls, ships, and airplanes throughout their home.

LYDIA FRANCES BLOEMAN

Lydia Frances Bloemen was born in Jasper County, near Rensselaer, Indiana on June 15, 1892 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamacher. I moved to Valparaiso, Indiana in March 1901 to 707 Indiana avenue with my parents. My mother lived there until she sold the home to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Aigner in 1934, the heirs still own the home.

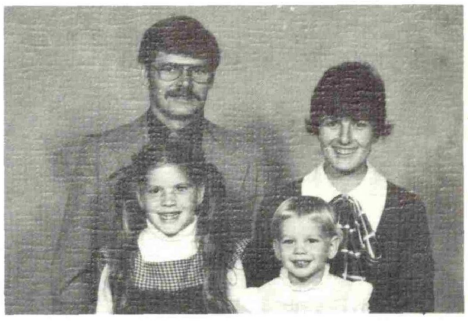
I remember sliding down Mechanic Hill (now Indiana avenue) from College street to almost Morgan. I would also do the same on Main street (now Lincolnway). Mr. and Mrs. Hamacher raised 8 children of which I was 7th in line and the last one living.

In 1912 I was married to Charles Bloemen from Evansville, Indiana, a carpenter by trade, his last work before retiring was on the Valparaiso University Chapel. He died in 1968.

We raised 3 children, Frank Dee, Mary Frances and Nancy May. Mary Frances married Carl A. Babcock of Liberty township, Porter County. They raised a daughter Donna Jean who married Kenneth Earl Grether of Peru, Indiana. They have a year old daughter, Kimberly Sue. Nancy May married Earl Huffman of Logansport, Indiana, a graduate of Valparaiso Technical Institute. They have one son Curtis Ray. Their home is in Charleston, South Carolina. Frank our oldest married Hope Whitlow of Gary, Indiana. They had three children Vivian, William Dee and Dale Frank. Their home was at Lake Dale Carla near Lowell, Indiana until Frank's wife died in 1954 at which time he moved back home with his two sons. His daughter a high school senior was already living and going to school in Gary. Eleven months later he was killed in a 2 car accident west of Valparaiso in which 5 persons lost their lives. Therefore, Charles and I raised his two sons, ages at that time being 8 and 4 years of age. I still live in our home at 505 Morgan which we bought in 1918. It was a store building which was moved from the Grand Trunk Railroad area earlier. Mary Frances and Nancy May both were born in this house. Mary Frances was also married in this house. She and her husband were living here when their daughter was born in this same house.

I belong to the First Christian Church of which I have been a choir member since I was a teen ager. My daughter Mary Frances and her husband Carl are faithful workers in the church. They live at 1113 Valparaiso street.

Reverting back to my father Thomas Hamacher. He helped grade Broadway in Gary, Indiana with a team of horses. His father (my grandfather) John Hamacher layed out the first 39 lots of Cothersville, Indiana his home is still standing. Charles Bloemen's father was born in Almelo, Holland and came to the United States at the age of 19 years.



JOHN BOWMAN FAMILY

Submitted by Mrs. John Bowman

John Bowman, 33, was born and raised in Valparaiso. He attended Valparaiso public schools, received a B.S. degree at Valparaiso University and a Masters degree from Indiana State University. He taught at Wheeler High School and Calumet Jr. High School before accepting a position with Bethlehem Steel Corp. in 1974. He is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the local YMCA and the Porter Co. Association for Mentally Retarded. John is the son of George A. Bowman and the late Sadie (Frederick) Bowman, both natives of Porter County.

John's wife, Elke, 30, attended Valparaiso University, where she met her husband. A native of Stuttgart, W. Germany, she holds a B.A. degree from Valparaiso University and taught at Chesterton High School for 3½ years.

John and Elke are the parents of two girls: Ute, age 7, and Monica, age 2½.

Present address: 1603 Wood Street, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM R. AND HILDA P. BRADY

Submitted by Edward A. Brady

This account is written by Edward Brady, the only son still residing in Porter County.

Hilda and William Brady (both deceased) moved with their family to this area from Chicago in 1925 and settled on a farm, then known as the "Overmeyer Farm" located on what is now R.R. #6, Valparaiso.

There were five children in the family at that time: Lucille, Harold, Dorothy, Edward and Muriel.

Lucille Brady married Clarence Lem-

ster, and they now reside in Wheeler, Indiana. They have one son, Clarence, Jr. Clarence married Marjorie Sparkman of Hazard, Kentucky, and they now reside on R.R. #2, Hobart, Indiana with their three children—Jeffrey, Matthew and Deronda.

Dorothy Brady married Howard Schwinkendorf, and they live on R.R. #1, Valparaiso. Their two daughters are Judith and Candace. Candace is married to Robert Crone and they live in Chesterton, Indiana with their son, Ean. Judith, who is married to James Broadhurst, resides in Valparaiso with their two children, Jamie and Jennifer.

Muriel Brady married Robert McBain; they now reside in Battle Creek, Michigan. They have three children—Wayne, Kathleen and Michael. Wayne married Mary Ann of Pennsylvania and is a career man in the Navy; they have two sons. Kathleen married Robert Patrick. They have one son, Robert, and they now reside in Bloomington, Illinois. Michael is unmarried and is a resident of Valparaiso.

Harold Brady married Sue Olsen of Chicago. Of their five children—Milan, Patricia, Arlene, Bonnie and Tom—only Patricia and Arlene have ever lived in Porter County. Patricia is married to Glen Ariel and now resides in Chicago with their three children. Arlene Brady married Don Meyer from Wheeler, and they now reside on R.R. #3, Valparaiso. They have two daughters living at home, Lynette and Sandra. Harold and Sue are now residing in Florida.

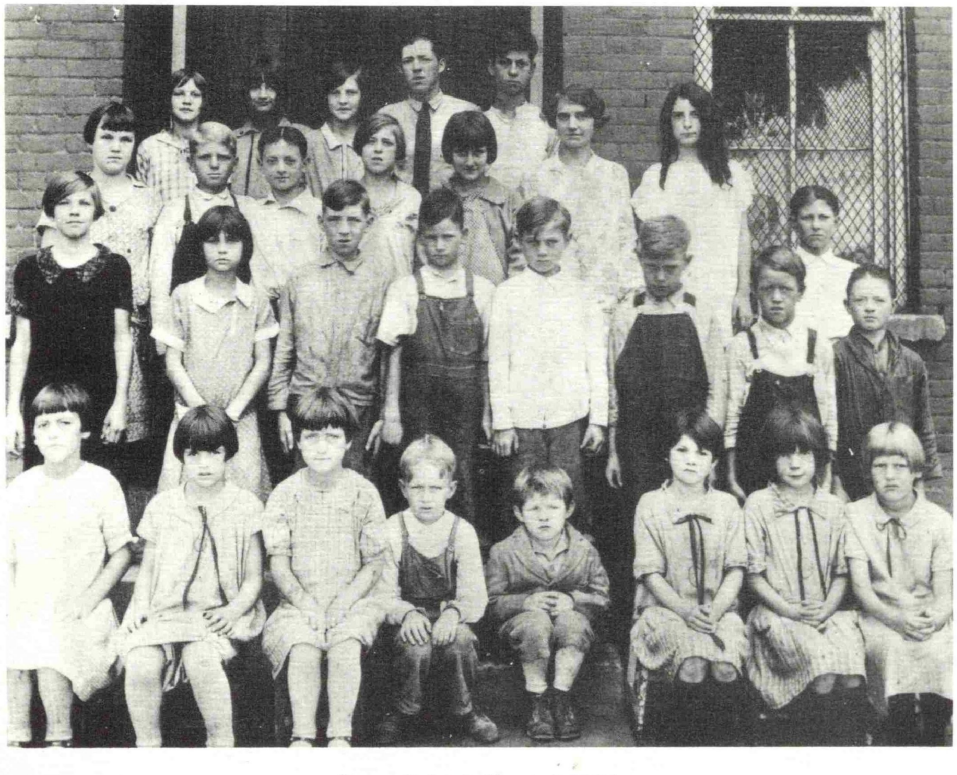
Leonard Brady, who was born in Porter County while the family lived on the "Overmeyer Farm", married Dolores Hershey of Chicago. They are now residing in Riverside, California with their three children, Michael, Linda and William.

Finally, Edward Brady (the writer), married Helen Gardner of Hartford, Michigan, and still resides in Valparaiso. They have three daughters—Nancy, Donna and Jacqueline. Nancy Brady married Samuel Lahti of New York, and they reside in Valparaiso with their four daughters—Delinda, Robyn, Deborah and Lori. Donna Brady married Gene Moore of Florida. They are now residing in Kissimee, Florida, and have three children—Gene, Jr., Caroline and William. Jacqueline is married to Jimmie Bettis of Arkansas. They now reside on R.R. #1, Hebron, Indiana with their two children—Shannon and Jason.

After moving to Porter County in 1925, Harold, Dorothy and Edward attended the Hayes School—a little one-room school located at the intersection of what is now Route #2 and C.R. 150W. The building still stands, but is now converted to a private home. During the years 1926 and 1927, we were taught by Mrs. Virgil Johnson, who at that time resided in Valparaiso.

Enclosed find a class picture that was taken in 1927 on the front steps of that school. Most of the children in the picture still live here in Porter County.

Harold Brady graduated from this school in 1927. The graduation exercises were held collectively with the Leonard School, and possibly some others on the stage of the Opera House here in Valparaiso.



Hayes School, Class of 1927



FAMILY OF FRANK J. BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Brown have been married 61 years and resided all 61 years at 1207 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana. Mrs. Brown was the former Mabel Gertrude Bull, daughter of G. W. Bull and granddaughter of T. W. Bull whom were quite prominent in Liberty Township. Mrs. Browns's grandfather's home picture was painted by an artist and hangs in the local historical society building. Mrs. Brown was born and reared in what is presently Camp Lawerence. Camp Lawerence was formerly called the Moss Lake Farm, acquiring it's name from the moss that covered the pond. The barn foundation that Mrs. Brown helped put together is still there. Her younger sister, Bertha has her foot prints in the floor. The rocks for the foundation were all taken off the property. Moss Lake Farm was sold to the Gary Catholic Diocese in 1950 by her sister and her husband.

Mr. Brown was born in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Valparaiso, where he currently resides on September 23, 1908, on his twentieth birthday.

He met his wife and brought her to

his home to live. He was a farmer, and worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad on the section between Port Huron, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois. He also was a carpenter and in his younger days engaged his spare time in painting china, and other arts.

Mrs. Brown remained at home and raised their four children, Helen, John, Mabel Leanna, and Alma Elizabeth. Mrs. Brown is active in Trinity Lutheran Church and the William Henry Harrison DAR. In her spare times she quilts and cans. Mr. Brown tends to a fine garden, and at the age of 87 he is employed by the Porter County Farm Buraeu.

At one time Mr. and Mrs. Brown's home belonged to our present Mayor's grandmother.



MR. AND MRS. EUGENE E. BULLIS

Submitted by M/M Eugene E. Bullis

Mr. Eugene Bullis, a native of New Lisbon, Wis., came to Valparaiso in 1938 to attend the Dodge Radio Institute. Upon graduation he became an engineer in a Cape Girardeau, Mo., radio station. During WWII he returned to Valparaiso and has been an instructor at VTI for over 30 years. He is a Mason, a Rotarian, a Toastmaster who has won state contests, a member of many engineering societies, and a member of the First Methodist Church where he has held a number of offices. Mr. Bullis attended Valparaiso University, Case Institute of Technology, U. of Wisconsin, Baylor University College of Medicine and holds a B.S. in Electronic Engineering.

His wife Ruth, a native of Goshen, Indiana, is a business education teacher who has taught 25 years in the Wheeler High School. She holds an M.A. degree from Ball State University and has attended Goshen College, U. of Wis., and Northwestern U. She held offices in the Porter Co. Teachers' Association, Am. Assoc. of Univ. Women, Porter County Guidance Clinic and the First Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullis have been residents of Valparaiso since their marriage in 1947.

THE FAMILY OF LAWRENCE E. BURCH

Submitted by Mrs. Lawrence E. Burch

The Burch Family consists of Lawrence Burch, Father, Elinor Burch, Mother, Christine 7½ years and Joel, 5 years. The mother and father were born of parents who were residents of Porter County. Both have attended schools in the County, V.H.S. and C.H.S. respectively. We are currently residents of Morgan Township. Lawrence is employed at McGill Manufacturing. Elinor is a past employee of the City of Valparaiso, having worked for the V.P.D., City Engineer and Mayor Don Will.

Christine Burch is an elementary student at Morgan Township School.

This family is a part of First Christian Church in Valparaiso, having sung in church choir, served on Board of Deacons and in C.W.F., and having taught 4 years of Sunday School.

Lawrence Burch is a member of Elks, B.P.O.E. 500 and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served on the Daniel E. Jay in the early 1950's in the area of Cuba and the Virgin Islands.

DAVID ALLEN AND KATHERINE DENA BUTTERFIELD

Submitted by Dave & Kathy Butterfield

Dave was born and raised in Valparaiso, Indiana, and Kathy was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. Dave is a 1963 graduate of Valparaiso High School and earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Indiana University in 1967 and a Juris Doctor Degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1971. Kathy graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1962 and earned a B.S. in Accounting at Indiana University. She was employed by Comay's Jewelers in Gary as an assistant manager and inventory bookkeeper for ten years while in high school and in college and taught at Boone Grove High School for three years while Dave was in law school. While teaching, she was the faculty sponsor for the National Honor Society, Cheerleaders and G.A.A. She also sponsored the youth group of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church and directed the Junior Choir and taught teenage Sunday School. She is currently employed by her husband as his secretary.

Dave worked at U. S. Steel during the years of his education and upon graduating from law school, was employed by Legal Services—Legal Education in South Bend as a staff attorney. In February of 1973, he was appointed City Attorney of Valparaiso and opened his office for the private practice of law. In December of 1974, he became part of the law firm of Tsoutsouris, Butterfield and Johnston. He is a member of local, state and national bar associations as well as Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. He is on the Board of Trustees of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Merrillville, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, the Valparaiso Ad-Hoc Committee for the Bicentennial, Kiwanis, has chaired fund raising committees for the United Way, is a past counselor for the Boy Scouts in the Merit Badge Program, has been honored as an Outstanding Young Man of America of 1975.

The Butterfields live in Valparaiso and have one daughter—Deena Christine. Deena's grandparents are Buck and Christine Butterfield of Valparaiso and Nick and Dena Adams also of Valparaiso.

THE ELEX LARRY CAGLE FAMILY

The Elex Cagle Family has lived at 2915 Russell Street in Portage for nine years.

The family consists of Elex, his wife Brenda, son Lloyd Alan and daughter Tammie Michele, plus the family pet irish setter, Red.

Elex is called Larry by friends and family. He was born on March 21, 1946 in Huntsville, Alabama. He is the

youngest of six children born to Montie and James Cagle.

When Elex was about a year and a half old the family moved to East Gary, Indiana. His father and mother were employed by U. S. Steel in Gary. (they are now retired)

In 1965 Elex married Brenda Lanette King. (born April 4, 1948 in Gary, Indiana) The eldest of three children born to Oseline and J. D. King was Brenda. Her folks are both employed, J. D. at the Budd Company, and Oseline at Hook's Drug Store in Portage.

Elex and Brenda lived in East Gary for two years. Their son, Lloyd Alan Cagle was born September 17, 1966 in Gary, Indiana. He was one year old when they moved to Portage. Lloyd Alan now attends Central Elementary school in Portage. Elex is employed at Bethlehem Steel as an inspector in the Basic Oxygen Furnace dept.

Newest arrival to the Cagle family is Tammie Michele. She was born March 31, 1975 at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso, Indiana.

DAVID AND ANN CARTER

David F. and Ann Carter moved to an old farm home on Indian Boundary Line Road in Chesterton in May 1949. Really enjoyed life with their 3 children—dogs—cats and horses.

In 1949 Ann started in the Real Estate business. Dave joined Ann in May 1955 and also started his Insurance Agency. They helped start the Chesterton Board of Realtors, Chesterton Kindergarten, Westchester Chamber of Commerce. David is a past president and Ann was secretary for the first four years. In 1964 Ann was selected as the Indiana Realtor of the Year. Ann started the development of Graham Woods and other subdivisions.

1965 saw the Carters in their Colonial Office and home.

1975 finds both Ann and Dave retired enjoying family life and gardening. Ann and Dave have three children;

Marvin—Graduated Chesterton high school, attended Indiana University, a State Trooper since 1964. In 1960 married Julieann Mayer of Indianapolis. They have three Children, Elizabeth, Douglas and Angeline.

Patricia—wife of Lawrence Olson, has two children, Robert D. Lyda and Catherine Lyda.

Andrew—Graduated Chesterton High School, Purdue University 1969, Master of Science Degree Purdue 1970. He is currently with the head office of Associates Investment Co. in South Bend, Ind. Married Karen Anderson of Lafayette, Ind. in 1969. They have one child, Andrew L. Carter III.



Front row: Douglas Carter, Elizabeth Carter, Angeline Carter, Andrew Carter II, Andrew Carter III, Karen Carter. *Rear row:* Patricia Olson, Lawrence Olson, Effie Carter, Julieann Carter, Ann Carter, Marvin Carter, David Carter. *Inserts: Top*—Robert Lyda. *Bottom*—Catherine Lyda.



HISTORY OF MR. & MRS. LEWIS B. CARTER

Lewis Bruce Carter was born in Allen Co. Kentucky, Sept. 6, 1925 to John Henry & Tula (King) Carter. He has 2 sisters Mrs. Ralph (Ruby) Jent, of Plant City, Fla. Mrs. Willord (Ocei) Brawner of Holland, Ky. He has 2 living brothers Everett of Woodbrun, Ky. and John Rondel of Arthur III. In 1955 he had a brother killed in Plant City, Fla. Sammie Haywood.

Lewis father died when he was about 2 years old. After the death of his mother he left Allen Co. Ky. in 1941 to live with his sister and her family in Douglas Co. III. Ralph & Ruby Jent.

In Oct. 1942 the Jents and Lewis moved to Porter Co. Ind. to work on the Eagle Elm Farm south east of Kouts. Oct. 1944 he went to work at Ind. General in Valparaiso. Dec. 20, 1944 Lewis was called to service his great country as many young men. He was in the Army, serial no. 35 966 363, Aug. 10, 1946 he received an Honorable Discharge.

Lewis is a member of the Church of Christ in Valparaiso. He has been active in the work of the church.

He enjoys camping very much.

In 1944 he married Mary Louise Baum, one of 7 children of Leland Byron and Minnie (Stotle) Baum. Leland Jr. (Bud), Robert Francis, Harry Leroy, Loretta Mae, Vernon Howard, & Larry Gerald. All are living near Valparaiso.

Mary was born and raised in Malden, Indiana Porter Co. Feb. 28, 1928. The Baum family has been in Porter Co. Ind. since 1835 when James Baum settled here. Mary is also a member of the Valparaiso Church of Christ.

For 17 years she cooked at the Union Center School in Union Twp. Her hobbies would be baking and decorating wedding cakes, and oil painting.

We have 2 daughters. Carol Joyce born Dec. 25, 1944 in Valparaiso. Carol went to Wheeler High School & Humboldt Institute, Minneapolis, Minn. She is married to Lon E. Fox son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon R. Fox of Ashville, N.C. Carol & Lon have a daughter Loretta Lee. They live in Adrian, Mich.

Sherry Jane was born April 5, 1949 in Valparaiso. She also went to Wheeler High School & Harding College in Searcy, Ark. for 3 years. At this time she is living in Lombard, Ill.

Carol and Sherry both have been baptized into Christ.

Carolyn Rippie made her home with us for a few years. We love her very much. Carolyn married Richard McBride in Valparaiso. Their home is near Charlotte N.C. They both are very active Christians, working with the Westside Church of Christ in Charlotte. Carolyn and Rick have 3 sons, Triston, Scott and Todd.

We have lived in Union Twps. since 1953.

THE DONALD G. CASBON FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Casbon have lived in Valparaiso since their marriage in 1947. Mr. Casbon is the son of Amos and Carrie B. (Aylesworth) Casbon and was born in Porter Twp in 1913. His maternal ancestors were old settlers in Boone Township. His father was born in England and came to the USA with his parents when two years of age. Mrs. Casbon is the former Marjorie Rigg, daughter of Glenn W. and Ruth (Adams) Rigg. She, too, was born in Porter Twp. in 1915 and is the great granddaughter of William Rigg, who brought his family to live in Porter County in 1861.

The Casbons are the parents of three children, namely, Joyce Christine, now married to John M. Knauff, a teacher in the Valparaiso Community schools, Carol Ruth and Jesse Ray. Both daughters were graduated from Michigan State University and Jesse is currently a student at Purdue University.

Mr. Casbon is a 25 year employee of Urschel Lab.

MR. & MRS. HARRY J. CASBON AND FAMILY

Harry J. and Helen Louise Thatcher were married on November 24, 1927. Their married life was spent on a farm in the Boone Grove vicinity where Hellen still lives. Harry J. passed away in 1965. They are the parents of the following children: Harry Dale, Marjorie Lee, Philip J. and Lois Arlene who passed away in 1929 at the age of 8 weeks.

Harry Dale is married to the former Ruby Struble. They have four children. Karen Lee is a freshman at Winona State College in Minnesota. Robert Dale, John David and Sandra Lynn are students at Boone Grove School. Their home is on R.R. #1, Hebron, Indiana.

Marjorie Lee is married to G. Robert McIntyre. They are parents of three children: Steven, Robert, Debra Ann and Carol Louise and have one granddaughter, Shannon Marie. The McIntyres live on a farm near Rensselaer, Indiana.

Philip J. is married to the former Sharon Murphy. They are the parents of two children, Kerri Ann and Christopher Scott, who are students at Boone Grove School. Their home is on R.R. #2, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Helen and her children, Harry D., Philip J. and Marjorie Lee, also daughter-in-law Ruby and son-in-law G. Robert McIntyre are graduates of the Boone Grove High School. Daughter-in-law Sharon Murphy Casbon is a graduate of Hebron High School.

Harry J. was born to Amos J. and Carrie Belle Aylesworth Casbon. He had three sisters and five brothers. Ada, Berlyn, Vernon, Neva, Herbert, Donald, Doris and Delbert. Both parents are deceased, also Doris and Berlyn.

Parents of Helen were Carlton E. Thatcher, Jr. and Leora Dye Thatcher, both deceased. Helen has one brother, Robert W. Thatcher.

THOMAS S. CASBON

Sylvester Casbon, father of Charles A., Lawrence A., Thomas S., Charles P. and George N. was born in the village of Maldreth, ten miles from the University town of Cambridge, England. When a young boy his parents and family left England in a Canadian boat Parkfield in February arriving at the Banks and sailed up the St. Lawrence River. At Niagara they transferred to horse cars then in use. From Buffalo they took another boat to Cleveland, Ohio, arriving in the month of May. After several years they moved to Porter County, Indiana.

Thomas S. Casbon, a progressive farmer near Deep River, Lake County married Miss Ella A. Downs of Hebron. From this union was born three children. M. Ruth, Hugh S. and George P. In 1910 Mr. Casbon and family moved to a farm near Valparaiso and a few years later moved to a large farm near Burdick.

The Casbon family was active members of the Christian Church in Deep River and Burdick. By his thriftiness Mr. Casbon became the owner of a large farm in Union Township. Until his retirement in 1916 he was counted among the ablest of Porter County farmers. The family moved to Valparaiso where they enjoyed the comforts of city life in their home on Monroe Street and their cottage at Bass Lake, Stark County, Indiana. Mr. Casbon joined Chequeuk Lodge #56 and Canton #27 Patriarchs Militant, branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Casbon was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Canton #27, Patriarchs Militant, a member and Past Oracle of Camp 3122 Royal Neighbors of America, and secretary of the Indiana Department Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mrs. Casbon passed away November 29, 1936 and Mr. Casbon March 16, 1956. Their daughter Mabel Ruth is retired and resides at the home on Monroe Street, Hugh S. passed away at the age of 29, leaving a son and daughter. George P. is retired and lives in Gary on Ash Avenue. He and his wife are parents of three children.



JAMES AND RUTH CAVANAUGH

Ruth and James Cavanaugh were united in marriage at St. Paul's Catholic Church. (One of the first to be married in the new church.)

Ruth came from Boone Grove, a Porter County resident all her life. Jim was born in Lake County and resided there for four years upon moving with his family to Valparaiso to 606 Franklin Street, known as the Christy homeplace to the older people of Valparaiso. The home at 606 Franklin was his grandparents and their parents. The Cavanaugh's are the parents of three children, David Lee 4 years, Richelle Jeanne 2 years and Anthony Jesse 5 months at the time of this writing.

Ruth is active in Democrat party holding various offices and also active in DAR of Valparaiso, formerly holding the position of treasurer. Ruth belongs to the Porter Co. Assoc. for Retarded Citizens and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

James was locally employed most of his life, a democrat and a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

James Cavanaugh's grandfather was one of the City's first mail carriers. His grandfather was Arthur Burnett Christy.

Jim served in the armed forces and in town is an avid golfer and bowler.

The Cavanaugh home was recently the scene of a wedding of Mrs. Cavanaugh's brother in 1971.

CHARLSON FAMILY (VICTOR)

Anna Sophie Swanson was born in Hvena Socken, Kalmar Lan, Sweden. She married Carl Charlson in 1860. Here two daughters, Christine (Mrs. Swan P. Carlson) and Ida (Mrs. Wm. Chellberg) were born. In 1868 they came to America and settled near Hobart, Ind., where twin children were born, Charles Charlson and Hilma (passed away in infancy). In 1869 her first husband, Carl Charlson died. In 1870 she was married to John Charlson, a brother of Carl. They then moved close to what is now known as Fulton Road near Lake Michigan (now known as Miller). While there, one son Victor Charlson was born. From there they moved to Forsythe, now called Gary, Ind. Here two children were born, Hilda (Mrs. Victor Samuelson) and Oscar Charlson. About 1884, they moved to Baillytown where they lived their entire life. They were members of Augsburg Lutheran Church of Porter, Ind. since 1892. Anna and John Charlson are buried in the Burstrom Cemetery. Carl Charlson was buried in what is now called Blake Cemetery near Garyton, Ind.

When Victor Charlson was a young boy he recalled how the New York Central Railroad stopped their trains at Dunes Park Station and he helped load on cut lumber to be used as fuel for the train so it could continue on to Chicago.

Victor Charlson and Anna Wistrand were married in 1901 at the Swedish Augsburg Lutheran Church of Porter. They lived in the August Wistrand home with their six children and Grandma Charlotte Wistrand, where Victor farmed the land. He was also a School bus driver (horse driven canvas bus) and later was a Road Supervisor on both the Porter County and Indiana State Highways.

They were life long members of the Augsburg Lutheran Church of Porter and are buried in the Burstrom Cemetery.

The children of Anna and Victor Charlson are Vincent (passed away in infancy, Alvin E. Charlson, Elvera (Mrs. Roy L. Peterson) (passed away 1947), Eleanor (Mrs. J. Irvin Benson), Edith (Mrs. George Martinson), Dr. Vernon R. Charlson, Marian Edquist (Mrs. Evar Edquist).

THE PAUL CHELLBERG FAMILY

The Paul Chellberg family began its history in Porter County in the 1860's. His descendants were fishermen and farmers and his father, Walter, is a machinist. Paul and Marian (Hockelberg) were married in 1952. Wendy, Scott and Robin were born to this union. Wendy died in 1974 and Robin in 1975. Paul is a CPA, Marian is a bookkeeper and Scott is a freshman in college.

JAMES AND MAE CHESTER

James W. Chester and his wife Mae (Fitzgerald from New Vernon, Indiana) live in Forest Park and have a son, James Warren Chester, who is also practicing law in Valparaiso.

I was born in Dwight, Illinois April 4, 1911, of Warren Paul Watkins, (a veteran of the Spanish American War) and Ella Louise (nee Chester). I lived with my maternal grandparents on a farm in Morgan Township. My grandmother adopted me when I was 4 at the death of my mother.

I attended grade school in Morgan at the Adams one room school with Dora Stoner the teacher. We moved to Valpo and I attended Gardner School, and then Central. The farm was sold around 1918 and grandfather entered the hardware business, Chester & Son, where Krudup & Benton and then Benton's Hardware were.

I graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1931 and enrolled in pre-law at Valparaiso University. Graduated from Valpo law school in 1935 by doubling up on courses during the year and taking summer courses at Iowa University Law School. I was inspired to take law by my grandmother's brother, who was Congressman James G. Strong from Blue Rapids, Kansas, for many, many years. He was Chairman of the House Banking and Finance Committee. My grandmother was campaign manager for Will R. Wood, U.S. Congressman, and in my time I served for 6 years as campaign manager for Charles Halleck, our Republican Congressman.

I passed the bar in 1935 and went to work for Grant Crumpacker as a clerk. Then I went to work for Lewis Keller for deputy county clerk. He was like a father to me. I then decided to run for prosecutor with the backing of Lewis Keller, Bill Forney, Judge Jensen and Judge Rockwell. After serving

as prosecuting attorney for 4 years, I decided to go into private practice and joined E. J. Ryan in 1949 and was associated with him until his death in 1951. I have been practicing law in Valparaiso for 40 years.

I have been on the hospital board for 11 years, now vice chairman. I am a 32nd degree Mason and belong to most all the bodies, also a member of the First United Methodist Church. I was president of Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company, formerly Farmers State Bank, from 1960 to 1966, and now Chairman of the Board. * * * Mr. Chester passed away December 10, 1975. Attached is a brief tribute from the Board of Directors of Northern Indiana Bank & Trust Co.



JAMES W. CHESTER 1911-1975

With profound regret and the knowledge that we have lost a true friend and valued advisor, we the Directors of The Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company hereby record our deep sorrow on the death of James W. Chester on December 10, 1975.

Dynamic and vital, he gave of himself without limit and earned wide and abiding respect as attorney, politician and civic leader. His interests were wide in scope and he played a major part in the business and industrial and community life of Porter County and in the affairs of the State of Indiana.

Always thoughtful and generous, he had a deep interest in people in all walks of life and of all ages. His courage, energy and strength of character made association with him a privilege not often equaled in personal or business relationships.

In his eighteen years as a member of this Board of Directors, his loyalty, keen perception and sound judgment formed a steady bulwark of strength which will be long remembered. He was a wise counselor and a good friend. His loss will be profoundly felt.

MYRICK CRAMPTON

Myrick Brooks Crampton (Mike) son of Wade and Barbara Crampton, was born and raised in Steuben County, Indiana and graduated from Pleasant Lake, High School, Pleasant Lake, Indiana. He attended the Indiana State Police School at Indiana University in 1937, was appointed and assigned to Dunes Park Post, Chesterton, Indiana September 1, 1937.

In 1938, he married Dorothy Eschenbach, daughter of Raymond and Martha Echenbach who owned and operated Eschenbach's Restaurant in Chesterton.

Mike stayed in Porter County and during his 28 years as a State Policeman, he saw many changes in this area. He had extensive training in all phases of police work and he retired from the state police in 1965.

After working in plant protection at Midwest steel for a year, he decided to run for, and was elected Sheriff of Porter County.

The old jail was in sad condition and the county decided it was worth fixing, so that was done. Also during his first term, the merit system was started assuring the deputies of continuing service and a pension plan. The department was up-dated and new deputies were added and trained.

Mike ran unopposed for the second term and it was during this time that the new Porter County Jail was built. Much research was done before the final plans were consummated. The new jail was finished and occupied January of 1973 and is the finest of its kind in Indiana.

Mike has served his community as past president of the Chesterton Lion's Club of Chesterton and Past District Deputy Governor of District 25-A. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine (Orak Temple), Moose, Elks and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was the organizer and first president of the State Park Little League and is a counsellor for the Boy Scouts.

The Cramptons have three children, Kay Goldsworthy (John) who lives in Dayton, Ohio and has two children, William 13 and Katherine 11, Raymond Wade and wife Diane who live in Warren, New Jersey and have three boys, Myrick 13, Raymond John 3 and Eric Scott one month, Barbara is the youngest, a junior at Valparaiso University, the student director of the Crusaderettes and a featured twirler with the band.

Dorothy has been active in her community also. She was the first president of Beta Gamma Upsilon Sorority, Alpha Rho Chapter of Chesterton, and a past national President of the sorority. She is a past president of the Chesterton Woman's Club, Porter County Federation of Clubs and Past District President of 10th District, Indiana Federation of Clubs. She has been campaign director and president of the Porter County March of Dimes for the past 25 years.

Currently she is President of the Valparaiso Woman's Club and the Porter County Cancer Society, member of the Board of Directors of the Westchester branch of the YMCA and a member of the Porter County Bi-Centennial committee.

RICHARD AND IRENE CLAUSSEN

We opened our Flower Shop in the spring of 1962. It was a new and exciting experience for all of us. I went to the American Floral Art School in Chicago, and then worked for Brands Flowers in Rensselaer. Mr. Brand was kind enough to help me by letting me work in his shop and teaching me more by doing the work, and I thank him. When we started in "1962" we remodeled one half of our garage and made it into the Flower shop. We wanted to have the business at home as we had the four children and with Richard having a full time job away from home I needed to be here with them. We soon found out that it was a lot of work, and confinement and that our time was not our own. We soon adjusted our selves with the children and the shop. In a



few years we had to have more room so we remodeled the whole downstairs for the shop. We could use more room but for now we will leave it as it is, maybe some day we will build on or get a larger building. Time will tell.

The seasonal things like Easter, Mother's Day, Proms, Graduation and Christmas, Thanksgiving Day, Valentines Day and the Winter Cemetery decorations like the pillows and the blankets, also Decoration Day are the busy times thru the year.

We like to specialize in "Wedding Work" all styles and sizes because they are planned ahead. We also do arrangements for Birthday's—Anniversaries—Thank-you — Hospitals — Graduation — Just Because I Love You — Just Because You're You—Funeral—All kinds of corsages and hand bouquets—Really it is Flowers for all occasions, no matter how large or small. These are done in fresh cut flowers, blooming plants, green planters, dish gardens with green plants and fresh or artificial mixed in for decorations. We also have all kinds of artificial and dried arrangements, we make special orders in the style and colors you want if we don't have it. We have terrariums and the macrame hangers and the hanging pots. For Decoration Day we have fresh and artificial made up for the cemetery, for winter we have the blankets and pillows of greens and decorated for the cemetery.

In the spring of "76" we will be starting our 14th year. When we first started I worked alone. Then I had Marge Urban help me out a little, they moved away, and the kids and Richard (Red) helped when they could. I was really lucky one day when Bernice Whited came to work with me, her husband is Alvin. They have a girl, Robin who is in college and a son Dave at home, they live in Kouts also. Bernice is a wonderful person and is a real good designer for all of the shop work. I have to say she is my right hand and I could never do it without her. She has worked for me for 6 years in March and I know she was God sent. All of our family work when they can in taking orders, making up and in deliveries.

Richard has his job as Porter County Weights and Measures Inspector of Porter Co. This is checking all the scales and gas pumps to see the customer and the owner get the right weight and measure, also checking all pre-packaged foods etc. to see the weight is right. He does help out part time when he has to and on Saturday and Sundays and evenings.

Curtis Lee was 15 when we started the shop, he is now 28 and is married to Donna Berndt from Kouts. They live in Valparaiso, Donna works for Dr. Makovsky and Curt works for Urschel Laboratories Inc.

Dennis Eugene was 13 years old when we started the shop and is now 26. He has graduated from college and has his Masters in Business Administration — Real Estate and Brokerage license and is still taking some classes in college. He is working for the First National Bank of Chicago in large construction loans. He is not married, but has a girl Bonny Banik of Whiting, now of Chicago.

Vicki Lynn was 10 years old and is now 23. She is married to Kip Kerns of Wheatfield and they are now living in Kouts. Kip is manager of Heinold's Citgo gas station in Kouts. They have a little baby girl (Karma Rachelle) who was born on July 20th, 1975.

Cindy Jo was 6 years old and is now 19. She is finishing her schooling and working. She really likes green plants and hopes some day to have her own green plant shop or flower shop.

We belong to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kouts. Richard belongs to the Kouts American Legion. We belong to the Kouts Chamber of Commerce. We like Kouts very much and think it is a good place to live for the young and the old.

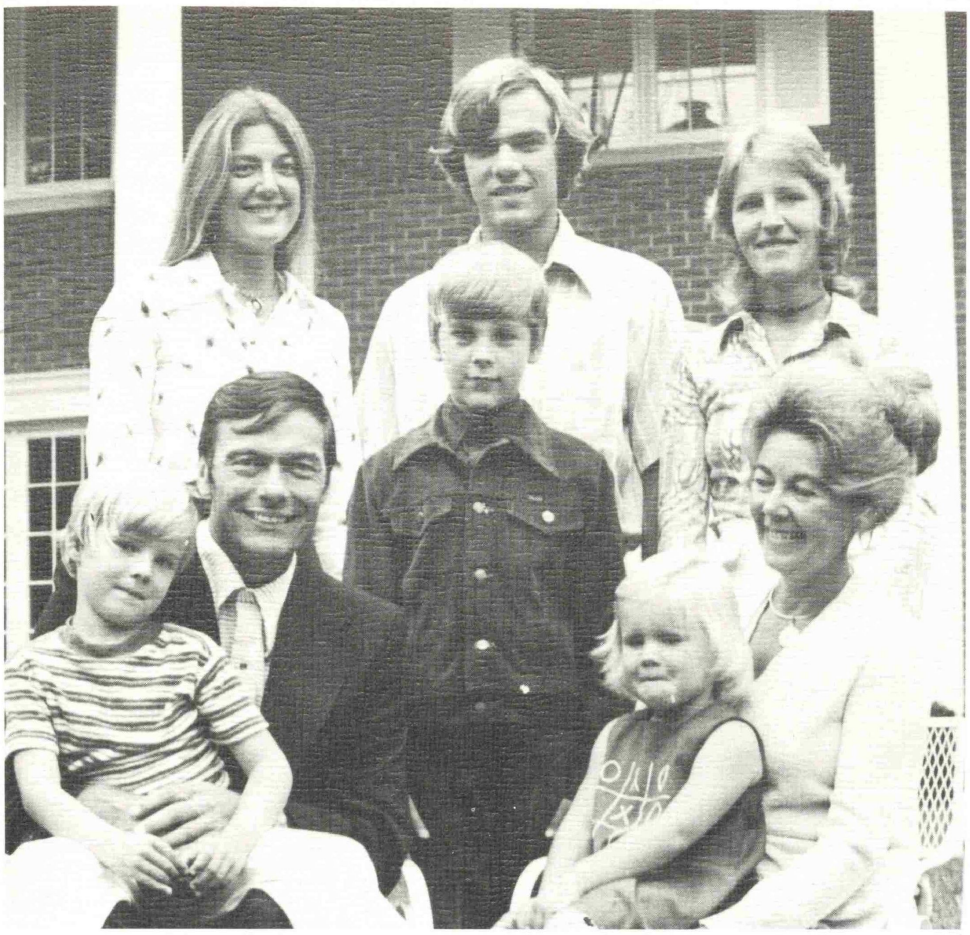
Come on in and look around. If we don't have what you want, we will try and do our best to get it. We aim to please and try to treat you like we like to be treated. We do have many wonderful customers and friends and we do appreciate it and we Thank each and every one of you. God bless you one and all, and have a good '76.

Richard and Irene Claussen
and Bernice Whited

CHARLES T. CLIFFORD

Charles T. Clifford is a great, great, grandson of Patrick T. Clifford, who immigrated to Porter County from County Cork, Ireland. Patrick T. Clifford and his construction company built many miles of the Pennsylvania Railroad and Nickle Plate Railroad through Porter County, Indiana.

Frank M. Clifford, father of Charles T. Clifford, was Secretary-Treasurer of Foster Lumber & Construction Company, Inc. This company built many of the fine homes and commercial buildings in the Valparaiso area, including the rebuilding of the Porter County Courthouse, which was partially destroyed by fire in the 1930s. The home currently occupied by the Clifford family was one of the last homes built by



Frank M. Clifford prior to his death.

Charles T. Clifford was a Naval Lieutenant in World War II, serving both in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. Following the war he received his law degree from Valparaiso University and established a practice in Valparaiso, with Edward J. Ryan and James W. Chester, under the firm name of Ryan, Chester & Clifford. Charles T. Clifford is now senior partner in the firm of Clifford, Hoeppner, Houran, Wagner & Evans, one of the largest law firms in the Valparaiso area.

In 1947 Charles T. Clifford was married to Nedra Olson of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Mrs. Clifford was a graduate of Valparaiso University and is Past President of the Iota Chapter of Kappa, Kappa, Kappa, an Indiana sorority promoting charity, culture and education. Mrs. Clifford was a member of the Vale Day School Board at the time the Vale Day School was planned and built. The Cliffords have three children, David, Linda and Paul. All are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Charles T. Clifford has served as President of the Porter County Bar Association, and as a director of the Chamber of Commerce, board member of Rotary Club, and numerous civic organizations. In his legal practice he has spent many years as attorney for Bethlehem Steel Corporation in its assemblage of Bethlehem's Burns Harbor Plant on the shores of Lake Michigan. This plant is destined to be one of the largest integrated steel mills in the world.

WALTER H. COBURN

Name—Walter H. Coburn. Wife, Harriett (VanDeventer) Coburn, came to Porter County as pastor of the Boone Grove Christian Church. Retired Jan. 1, 1961. In 1961 removed to residence purchased in 1958 on Co. Rd. 450S, In Hurlburt, a former town on the Erie-Laskawana R.R. Born, 1895. St. Joe, Ind.

Walter/Educated in public schools of DeKalb, Co., Ind. Grad. Spencerville H.S. 1914. Drake U., Des Moines, Ia. 1922, Bachelor of Sacred Literature, Phillips U., Enid, Okla., 1930, A.B., Christian Theological Seminary, 1948, Bachelor of Divinity, 1949. Butler University Graduate School.

Harriett, Born Mound City, Mo. 1922. Educated schools in Mound City, Wray, Colo., Graduated Perham H.S. 1918. College, Drake U., Des Moines, Ia. and Phillips U., Enid, Okla. For many years was active in Religious Education work in Disciple of Christ churches and others. Was ordained in 1943 and acted as pastor of church, Rich Valley Christian Church—now Northview Christian, Kokomo, Ind. Six children, a foster daughter, Annamae (Level) Adams, Barquisemento, Venezuela, S. A.; Walter V., Olathe, Kansas; Edver W., Plymouth, Ind., J. Franklin, Yakima, Wash.; F. Marion Port of Spain, Trinidad, W. I.; Audrey J., Chesterton, Ind.

Hobbies wife and I: Camping, gardening, fishing. Harriett, Crochet; self: Hooked rugs and embroidery. Fill pulpit in area for ministers absent. Otherwise retired.



STEVE L. COLLINS FAMILY

It took 153 years, after Indiana became a State, before someone from the populous north end of Porter County was elected to the Indiana General Assembly.

Performing this feat was the honorable Steve L. Collins, Indiana State Representative. General Assemblyman honorable Steve L. Collins was elected in the year 1972, and served with distinction in the House of Representatives. He immediately became co-chairman of the powerful House Labor Committee, and served with distinction during his term of office (years 1973 and 1974).

It is his law, *the Collins Act of 1973*, which permits a right turn on a red light the length and breadth of the entire State.

Steve L. Collins and Anne his wife, live in Portage Township; and they have 3 sons and one daughter.

Steve L. Collins is a steelworker and began employment at Inland Steel Company, initially as a metallurgical Engineer and subsequently as a safety Engineer.

Fifteen years ago, when National Steel broke ground for its new plant in Porter County, he took advantage of the employment opportunity.

At that time he set up the Health and Safety program at the Midwest Steel Division as its General Supervisor of Safety, Training and Community Relations.

He is in his fourth year as Midwest Steel's Director of Public Affairs.

BACKGROUND

I. EDUCATION

1. Chemical Engineer—Wright College
2. Ph. B. — Northwestern University

II. CIVIC

1. Governor's representative, Northern Indiana Plan Commission (1975)
2. Deacan, Presbyterian Church (1975-1977)
3. Board of Directors, United Way Porter County (1974-1977)
4. Board of Directors, St. Mary Hospitals, Hobart and Gary (1970-1976)
5. Board Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association (1968-1974)
6. Porter County Extension Advisory Board (1975-1977)
7. Rotary Club President, Portage (1972)
8. Elected Precinct Committeeman (3 terms) (1970-1976)
9. Elected Town Board President (1971)
10. Elected Indiana State Representative (1973 & 1974)
11. Board of Directors, Portage Chamber of Commerce (1968-1971)
12. Indiana Commissioner on Safety Standards (1971-1973)

III. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. American Society of Safety Engineers
2. Member of Public Affairs Task Force, United State Chamber of Commerce jointly with National Association of Manufacturers
3. Citizenship Participation Committee member, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce
4. Public Affairs Committeeman, Indiana Manufacturers Association
5. General Chairman, National Safety Council's Metals Section. Charter-President, Tri-State chaplain, American Society of Safety

THE GALE C. CORLEY FAMILY

Gale C. and Lillian Corley came to Porter County on their wedding day, September 12, 1937, to live briefly in Hebron, then move to Valparaiso in January, 1938, while Gale was manager of farms scattered from LaPorte County to Joliet. Gale was from Cowden, Illinois and Lillian from Clinton, Illinois, graduates of their local schools and later students at the University of Illinois, where Gale graduated in 1936.

The farm management soon evolved into a real estate business and that into homebuilding with special interest in prefabrication. National Construction Corp. was the major company founded by Gale Corley. He completed 27 subdivisions in Porter, LaPorte and Lake counties, building more than 3000 homes plus other buildings. Professionally he served as president of the Valparaiso Board of Realtors, several homebuilders' organizations including the Home Builders Association of Indiana of which he was a life director, on committees of the National Association of Home Builders, and was a member of other related associations. He served on the Valparaiso Plan Commission for five years, and was on the advisory committee for Beatty Memorial Hospital at the time of his death September 29, 1973.

As a volunteer Gale was involved with work for the first stage of Porter Memorial Hospital, the Jaycees' "It Pays to Play" program which later became the Valparaiso Park System, the Porter County YMCA's original construction, the nine-hole addition to the Forest Park golf course, and years of preliminary work for Porter-Starke Services, Inc. Other activities included serving as president of the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees (receiving the first Distinguished Service Award), the Porter County YMCA, Porter-Starke Services, Inc. and the Mathesis Club. He served many years with the Girl Scout camp building program, was a director of the Porter County Guidance Clinic, a member of Rotary, the American Legion and the Saturday Evening Club, and was both elder and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church. During World War II he served five years with the 1st and 8th Armored Divisions, half of that time as a major in the 88th Reconnaissance Squadron, which he eventually commanded.

Lillian Corley has been associated with her husband's business for many years and is continuing with it since his death. She has been president of the Valparaiso Girl Scout Council, the East Lake-Porter Counties Girl Scout Council, Chapter J.P.E.O., and the Presbyterian Women's Association as well as president of Indiana State Chapter, P.E.O., and was a director of the Community Concert Association for twelve years. Presently she is on the board of directors of Porter-Starke Services, Inc. and chairman of the board of trustees of the Program for Continuing Education of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, an international organization for women. She is listed in WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN.

There are two daughters in the Corley family. Dr. Sue Ann Peyton (Mrs. John D.) is a physiologist with the Ohio State Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, where she lives with her husband and two sons, James David and Robert Thomas Peyton. Dr. Ellen Corley is Acting Dean of the Evening Divisions of Northwestern University and lives in Valparaiso and Evanston, Illinois. Both daughters are graduates of the Valparaiso schools.

THE LESTER CORNETT FAMILY

Lester Cornett married the former Marion McKnight October 25, 1946. They are parents of five children:

Terri (1949) is married to Chuck Hardt. They live at the Sands Trailer Court, R.R. #6, Valparaiso. Terri worked for Mike Crampton when he was sheriff and now works as secretary for First Methodist Church in Valparaiso. Chuck is a school teacher and sings in a gospel quartet. They have three children: Tim, 8, Dawn 5 and David 3.

Cathy (1952) lives at home and works in the office of Dunes Volkswagen in Gary.

Ronald (1954) lives at home. He attended Indiana University and now works at Bethlehem Steel.

Cindy (1957) is now going to Huntington College. She worked for Dr. Speckard at the Chesterton School during the summer.

Shirlee (1959) is a junior at Chesterton High School. The other children all graduated from Liberty Township School, then Chesterton after the consolidation of schools. We lived in Hobart where both of us graduated from High School. We moved to Wauhob Lake near Valparaiso in 1962. We still attend 1st Church of the Nazarene in Hobart.

Lester Cornett belongs to carpenter Local 1005 and has been a member of their Union for 30 years. He has worked on jobs which included building Bethlehem Steel, Midwest Steel, Nipsco Cooling Tower at Michigan City, Chesterton High School, and U. S. Steel Expansion. He has been supervisor as a foreman, general foreman and superintendent. He has also done some home construction work throughout the area.

ADAM F. COTTERMAN

Among the old timers in Porter County was the family of Adam F. Cotterman. Mr. Cotterman was formerly from Dayton, Ohio and his wife from Yates City, Ill. The family lived in Knox County, Ill. on a farm, where three of their children were born, namely, Roy, Ernest and Muriel. In 1891 they migrated to the State of Washington where they homesteaded a farm. This ended within three years when the Columbia River, one of the swiftest in the country, flooded them out. They then returned to Knox County where Mr. Cotterman farmed. From there they moved to a farm near Boone Grove, Indiana, where three more children were born, namely Ezma and twin sons, Wade and Wayne. On St. Patrick's Day in 1903 the family moved to the Leslie Skinner farm east of Valparaiso, where he and his son Ernest farmed the 500 acres farm for five years, at the end of which they purchased a residence just west of Valparaiso, from there moving to 1003 Oak St., Valparaiso, where they resided (mother and father) until they were deceased.

Ernest Cotterman at one time was City Clerk, Treasurer having been appointed in 1932 by Mayor Schenck to complete the term left vacant by the former official. He later ran for the same office and was elected to a four-year term. In 1938 he ran for Porter County Auditor and was elected to that office for a 4-year term, and was re-elected for another four-year term. He then was asked to again run for City-Clerk Treasurer, was elected to that post, from which he resigned in 1950 following a heart attack.

Of the original Cotterman family there are only two remaining; a daughter, Ezma, and L. W. Cotterman. Wade is well known in Porter County, having hauled milk from the surrounding farmers in Porter County for a good many years.

All in all, the Cotterman family has resided in Porter County for 72 years.

THE CRISMAN FAMILY

In the words of Ray Crisman, (1874-1967), a lifelong Porter County resident.

My grandfather, Benjamin G. Crisman, came to Porter County, Indiana in 1850 at the age of 34, with his wife Elizabeth and his family, consisting of Solomon, Isaac, Addison, Oliver, Henry, Milton, Nancy and Clara. After he arrived here, he had 2 more children, Wesley and Eliza Jane.

He had a farm of 260 acres in Portage Township and his sons helped farm it until the Civil War. Isaac, Addison, and Oliver went to serve in Co. E. 73rd Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Grand Army of the Republic, and Henry, Milton, and Soloman stayed home and helped raise the crops. Isaac was with General Sherman on his march through Georgia. When they returned at the close of the War, Isaac moved to Crisman (now a part of Portage), which was named after my Grandfather, and became its first Postmaster and owned its first store. Addison and Oliver continued to farm.

My father, Milton, married Sarah Fifield in 1873, daughter of Benjamin Fifield of Union Township. In 1875 he bought 145 acres and a fine brick home, which was located diagonally to the new Portage High School. They had 5 children; Raymond (myself), Ross, Grace, Leonard, and Verna. Verna died at the age of 4 from Scarlet Fever. I can remember that she waited on the steps every day for us to come in from the fields. Grace married George Lute, and had 4 children; Ben, Raymond, Howard and Verna. Leonard married Hattie Baring of Chicago, and had 3 children; Walter, Anna, and Harry Leonard. Walter was a Judge in Porter County for several years. Ross married Emma Wilson and had 4 children; Vera, Bess, Harold and Milton.

Since there was no high school, I went to the Northern Indiana Normal School (now Valparaiso University). In 1897, I bought a farm in Portage Township (near the former NIKE Base). There weren't even any roads to it, and I had to bring supplies through the mud by horse and wagon. In the same year, I married Mary Ella Miles from Westville, and had a family of 7 children; Ralph, Howard, Gladys, Mabel, Edith, Emery and Robert.

One day in 1903 my father was coming to visit me, and his wagon was hit by a train at Bender's Spur on Swanson Road in Portage. He died as a result of the injuries from that accident. I guess people haven't changed much; some are still getting hit by trains.

In 1927 I moved to Union Township and sold my Portage Township farm to my nephew, Ben. My daughter, Gladys, went to college in a one horse buggy, and became a school teacher.

We had tractors in the 1930's, but I was still fond of my horses, and kept a team until 1950. I had one fast road team of blue roans, of which I was particularly proud.

Farm life was our life, and I started my sons as I started; milking the cows from age 5 onward. Everyone had their share of duties.

I drove a car until I was 90, and as I look back, I hope everyone else in Porter County had as good a life as our family.

THE DALKES OF PORTER COUNTY

Submitted by Mrs. Carl (Winona) Dalke

In 1880 fifteen year old Augusta Scholz came to America with her older sister, Anna, from Breslau, Germany. They came to the home of an uncle not



Dalke Family: (front) Alfred Herman, Herbert John, (middle) Ida Louise, Michael, Augusta, Clara Ann, (back) Edward Hans, Fred Robert, Rose Christine, Carl August, and Gust Carl about 1910.

far from a mill located on Salt Creek. The mill was owned by Bert and Jay Gossett.

Little did the Scholz sisters know that before long they would marry and live on adjoining farms on the road now named the 'Dalke Road.' Anna married Frederick Hockelberg. April 24, 1885 Augusta married Michael Dalke who was born in Hutta, Germany the son of Michael and Anna Elizabeth (Tetzloff) Dalke on October 28, 1857. Young Michael was naturalized in Porter County on October 11, 1880.

When Michael and Augusta bought the Felker farm in 1890, there was a settlement near the Gossett Mill called Gossettsburg with a store, a post office, a creamery, a school, a blacksmith shop, the mill and the Gossett Cemetery. In this cemetery Henry Batton is buried—the only Revolutionary War soldier buried in Porter County. Some of the Gossets buried here were relatives of John and Hannah (Hageman) Busse. (John served as Postmaster at Porter (formerly called Hageman), Indiana for many years.) There was an impressive entrance at the gate of the cemetery as well as picnic tables and seats. The Busses came here often for a day of remembrance.

At the turn of the century the present brick house was built and in 1910 a barn was built by A. J. Babcock. The Dalkes added more land to the original farm—the two Gossett home places and twenty acres of the Gossett land across the road from the Dalke home.

Augusta and Michael had six sons and four daughters. The family attended the St. Peter's Lutheran Church at McCool where the pastor was the Rev. J. E. Bescherer who served the parish for fifty years. The Dalkes were active in the work of the church since the parents were among the first members of the church. All but two of the Dalke children were confirmed by Rev. Bescherer.

Michael died in 1914. As the other children married and left home, Fred (1891-1969) and Rose (1897-1966) stayed with their mother and continued farming. It was during this time that a large Slippery Elm located on the farm was named by the American Forestry Association as the National Champion in their big tree files.

Gust married Grace Moore and did some farming, later coming to Valparaiso to live. They had two sons, Junior and Leslie, and seven daughters, Lois, Helen (Walter), Eleanore (Price), Evelyn (Copas), Betty (Carey), Vernette (Gutt) and Margery (Jacobs). At one time Gust with his brother, Edward, along with their sister, Clara, operated a grocery at Crocker which offered a horse-drawn delivery device for the surrounding community. They also operated one of the first automobile agencies in the area handling the Dort car.

Edward (1893-1965) and Carl were in the army during World War I. Carl was sent to France and was in the Meuse-Argonne Sector in active fighting at the time of the Armistice. Both belonged to the American Legion Charles Pratt Post 94 in Valparaiso where Carl filled all the chairs, and was elected Commander of the Veterans of World War I of which he was a charter member.

Ed married Anna Tofte. They lived in Valparaiso where Ed worked at the Continental Diamond Fibre Company and the Lantz Manufacturing Company.

Carl married Winona Babcock. They live in Valparaiso and he worked for the McGill Manufacturing Company. They had two children, Carwyn and Sharon (Crowder).

Clara married Roy Babcock, a railroad man at Crocker, Indiana. There were nine children in this home: Avis (Watters), Iris (Buczkowski), Robert, Donald, Edna (Lorenz), Louis, Everett (1921-1923), Gloria (Buczkowski) and Kenneth.

Alfred married Helen Thatcher and they had a daughter, Rita (Tracy). Al worked in Valparaiso as a auto mechanic beginning this work for Milton Take.

Herbert (1906-1969) married Betty Broberg. They lived in Gary, Indiana where Herb worked in the mills. There were 3 children, Mrs. Dorthy Hager, Ernest Erickson and Edward Broberg.

Ida (1889-1917) married Rufus LaHayne and had two daughters—Ruth (Berrier) and Isabel (Wiseman).

Elizabeth (1899-1900) died in infancy.

Today the farms formerly owned by the two Scholz sisters belong to Dr. E. W. Griffith. Here stand his broad acres of tall corn high above Salt Creek which once powered the big red mill in the little settlement of Gossetsburg.

JOHN F. DALY

John F. Daly has lived at 503 Napoleon street for the last sixteen years and is employed as a clerk at the local Post Office. He lives there with his wife Beverly, sons Tom, a student at Indiana University, majoring in French and History: James, working at The Anderson Company: Dan, a junior at Valparaiso High School: Tim, a fourth grader at St. Paul's Catholic School. Daughters, Pat, majoring in Special Education at Ball State University: Rita, a freshman at Benjamin Franklin Jr. High: and Kathy, a seventh grader at St. Paul's. One son Mike is married to the former Connie Herren. They are the parents of a baby daughter, Stephanie.

John was born at 502 Napoleon Street, across the street from where they now live. He lived there with his parents, except for the time he spent in the service during World War II, until his mariage in 1952. His father C. P. Daly was born in Liberty Township as was his Grandfather. His Mother, Lucy Fox, came to Valparaiso to attend, what is now Valparaiso University in 1903 from Ft. Wayne. It was there she met C. P. also attending the school at the time.

Beverly was transferred to Valparaiso in 1950, from Michigan, to manage the local Montgomery Ward Catalog store. She has worked there on and off during the years since and is employed there at the present time as inventory clerk.

GRANT DANIELS

Tassinong—Porter County Indiana was the birthplace of Grant Daniels born August 24, 1901 the son of Milan and Susan (Stanley) Daniels. His parents spent most of their married life in Lake and Porter counties. Grant was one of five children born to them. Glenn and Florence who died quite young. Melissa was married to Edward Anderson and Blanche who married Dewey Anderson. All were farmers and all are now deceased.

In May 25, 1926 Grant was married to Ruby Maxwell, daughter of Lenzo and Louisa (Weiler) Maxwell of Porter Township (near Porter Crossroads). They began their married life in Leroy (Lake County) where he was employed with a contractor. But being a farmer at heart they soon moved to a farm which they rented for three years. Upon the death of Mrs. Daniel's father they purchased the homestead where she was born and which had been in her mothers (Weiler) family for two generations. They still reside there. They have one daugher. Doris Jean was born April 23, 1927. She attended school at Boone Grove for 12 years and Purdue University for one year. She is now married to Eugene W. Saunders a native of Valparaiso, and with their 2 children, Janice Lynn, 16 and Darrell Grant 15, live in New Jersey. Both children attend high school and Eugen is a chemist for Citgo Oil Company in Cranberry, N.J.

Besides farming and driving school buses for 34 years Grant served as Trustee of Porter Township for 8 years 1959-1966. Under his leadership there were two additions built to the Boone Grove school. Due to ill health he retired and rented the farming land to a neighbor, but continues to live in the homestead.

The Daniels have been members of the Salem United Methodist Church for many years. They continue to attend and support it as well as other community activities.

Mr. Daniels parents and grandparents were all natives of Indiana. Mrs. Daniels maternal grandparents came to America from Wuertemburg, Germany and settled in Porter Township where they later attained a farm and her paternal grandmother came from Pennsylvania. Her grandfather George Maxwell served in the Civil War, Co. B 151 Infantry. He died at an early age from the wounds received in that war.

HISTORY OF THE DAVIES FAMILY

Aled Pierce Davies was born in Penrhyndeudraeth, Wales, and immigrated to the United States in his eighteenth year on the R.M.S. CARINTHIA arriving in New York on October 7, 1929. He worked in Toledo, Ohio, Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C., doing everything from factory work to selling toilet seats. He was a reporter for a newspaper and ended in public relations. He married Miss Mildred Kelly Tatum in Washington, D.C., on October 8, 1937.

Mildred is a native of Woodbury, Tennessee, and is a lineal descendant of Sir George Hume, Bt., who arrived in Virginia in 1715, having been involved in the Jacobite Rebellion. He was assistant to the chief surveyor of William and Mary College and among other things was engaged by King George II as official surveyor of Orange County. He also taught George Washington surveying.

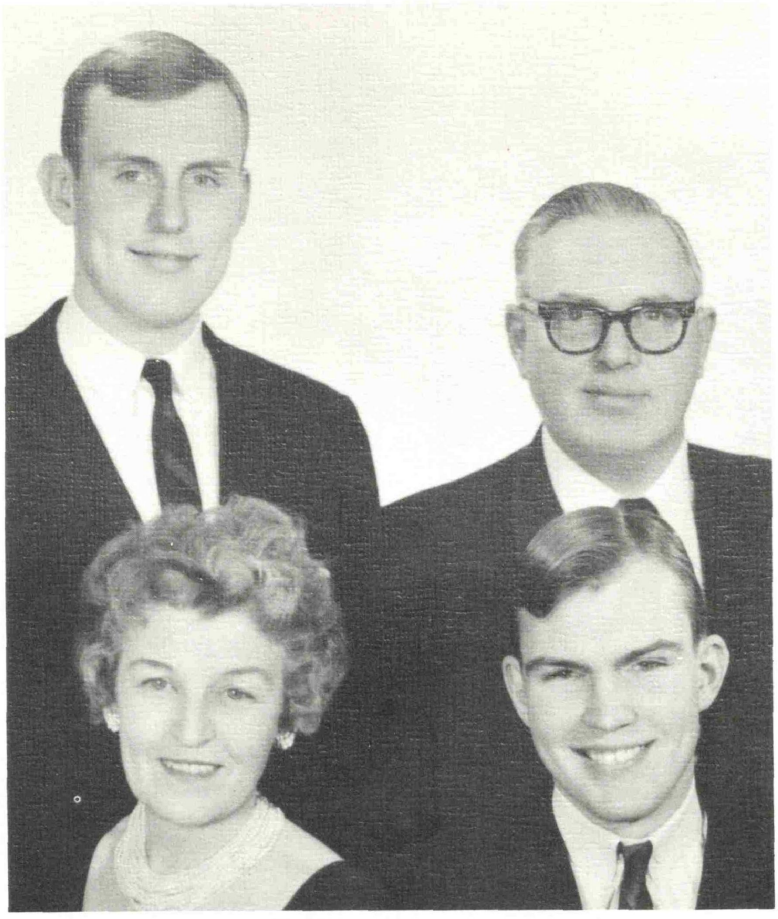
The Davies moved to the Midwest in July of 1940 when Aled joined the staff of the American Meat Institute in Chicago. His immediate superior, the late Homer R. Davison, a resident of Jackson Township, had suggested that Indiana was a good place to raise children after the birth of the Davies son Richard in 1941.

Aled and Mildred bought a small house in Chesterton at 403 West Lincoln Avenue in August 1942. They were transferred to Washington during the Second World War but retained their home in Chesterton. John, their second son, was born in Washington, D.C., on October 10, 1943.

In August of 1947 they sold their home in Chesterton and moved to their present home, Bryn Awelon Farm in Jackson Township—(Welsh for the Hill of Breezes).

This farm originally deeded in 1839 was then the property of David B. Long and his wife Belle. When the Davies and their two boys moved to the farm there was no electric power and they depended on kerosene lamps and candles for light and on the windmill for water. They still live on the farm with their fourteenth dog, Beau and Siamese cat, Chin-Chin.

Mildred with three other ladies established the Jackson Township P.T.A. and was den mother to the first Cub Scout Pack in the Township. The Davies were active in the Township Farm Bureau and Mrs. Davies served as Social and Educational Director of that group. Mildred was Republican Precinct Committeewoman under John Alva Jones and loyally supported her husband when he served as Justice of the Peace and subsequently Republican Committeeman. Aled was also delegate for Jackson and Pine Townships to the Republican State Convention at Indianap-



olis in 1948 and again 1952. He and his wife are still active in Republican Party affairs. Aled is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Porter-Starke Service, Inc., and also serves on the Executive Committee of the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation.

The boys attended Jackson Township School and Valparaiso High School. Richard, the eldest, unmarried, is teaching at Culver Military Academy. He attended the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1963 and did his teacher training at Valparaiso University. Subsequently, he served in the U. S. Peace Corps in Panama; received his M.A. from the University of Wales, taught at Atlantic College in South Wales and was an assistant tutor at Oxford University, England, where he is working on his D. Phil. During this time he also served as legislative aide to Congressman Earl F. Landgrebe. On the other side of the political ledger he served as one of the heads of Young Citizens for Humphrey in the 1968 presidential campaign.

John attended Lake Forest College and graduated from Valparaiso University in 1965. He worked at the City News Bureau prior to serving in the U. S. Marine Corps. Subsequently he worked for Scripps-Howard News Bureau in Columbus, Ohio, before joining the staff of the Chicago Tribune in 1968. He married Miss Bette Ann Rohse of Western Springs, Illinois in 1970. They live in Darien, Illinois. He is manager of public relations for Wisconsin Steel Works, a Division of International Harvester Company in South Chicago, Illinois.

For many years the Davies family raised sheep and horses on the farm and were famous for their Welsh Border Collie sheep dogs.

Aled retired as Vice President of the American Meat Institute in February 1974 but is still a consultant to the Institute and others. He is a law student at Valparaiso University.

Mildred has long been active in church work having been several times a member of the board of the First Christian Church of Valparaiso where she and her mother, the late Mrs. Kelly Tatum, sang in the choir and were active in other musical circles. Mrs. Tatum taught voice and piano in Valparaiso and presented her pupils in recital at the Valparaiso Womans Club. Mrs. Davies was one of the original members of the Duneland Chorus which was active in the Chesterton area.

Submitted by Aled P. Davies

DAVIS FAMILY

My name is Jr. Davis. My family's names are Gary, 17, Lola, 14, Jr. 10, Tracey, 7, Barbara, my mom, Ova my dad. I was born in Porter County. We moved to Porter County from Jasper County so my family would be closer to my dads work. My dad works with Ford Motor Company in Chicago. Nothing really.

GLEN E. AND CLARA LOUISE DEAN

Glen E. Dean was a lifelong resident of Valparaiso; born 1891—died 1971. The son of Lyman and Anna (Stalbaum) Dean, who were also lifetime residents of nearby counties and Valparaiso; father, Lyman, who passed away in 1971 at age of 101; mother, Anna, who passed away in 1965 at age 95. Married Clara Louise Brown in 1911; children—Leon R. Dean, living in Valparaiso; Dorothy M. (Dean) Scharbach now residing in Elmhurst, Illinois; seven grandchildren living (Richard and Michael Dean, preceding him in death); five great-grandchildren. He was co-owner of Valparaiso Plumbing and Heating Co. for 47 years; member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Valparaiso, where he was a choir boy and continued to be active in choir and service as long as physically able; member of Elk's Lodge No. 500 for 30 years; he served as a member of the board of directors of First Federal Savings and Loan of Valparaiso for 26 years and as a member of its building committee which planned the new structure at Washington and Lincolnway Sts. and to which he devoted his efforts to helping in its completion and realized his dream of its successful operation a few years before his death.

Clara Louise (Brown) Dean born in Jasper Co. in 1892 and moved to Valparaiso when only a small child and where she has since resided; father, Jerome Brown, who passed away in 1906 at age of 44; mother, Dorothea (Wiesemann) Brown, who passed away



in 1947 at age of 83; maternal grandparents; — Franz Wiesemann (1828-1911); emigrated to the U.S. in 1852 from Germany and settled in LaPorte Co. until 1869 when he moved to Porter Co. and there resided until his death; Regina (Herr) Wiesemann (18??-1892); paternal grandparents; — George Brown (1828-1899); emigrated to U.S. from England in 1852; spent sometime in New York State and from there settled in Porter Co. where he soon began acquiring land in Jackson Township area where Indiana Toll Road is today; he was successful in his endeavors of raising grain and livestock and built up his farm holdings; he also realized profits from quantities of cords of wood which his land yielded. In 1885 he built a home in Chesterton, which is often referred to as The Brown Mansion, and now owned by school corporation and is presently Duneland School Headquarters. Mrs. Dean can recall many features of the original home, stable, etc. and happy times spent there as small child.—Charity (Carter) Brown (1839-1895) whose parents were early Jackson Township settlers (paternal grandmother)

DEAN, JAMES BAKER AND DOLORES J.

James Baker Dean was born in Valparaiso on June 7, 1926 to Ray and Lucy Dean. He was raised in Valparaiso and attended Valparaiso schools for all but one year when he attended Kemper Military School from which he was graduated. During World War II he served in the army. After the war he returned to Valparaiso and attended Valparaiso University and then went into the family business where he was associated with his father and brother in the operation of Valparaiso Plumbing Co.

Dolores Johnson Dean was born in Oak Park, Illinois on March 3, 1928 to William L. Johnson and Helen Jacobi Johnson. She was raised in Chicago and the suburbs. Dolores attended Valparaiso University. She has served as a volunteer in the community throughout her residency. She was named Woman of Distinction for Valparaiso and Center Township for 1957. She has also served as President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, on the international board of directors of Project Concern, Inc., and is Vice Chairman of the Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission as well as serving on the Porter County ARBC. She is President and manager of Strongbow International Travel Service, Inc. Dolores is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

James and Dolores were married in Skokie, Illinois on June 5, 1948. They have 2 children Constance Rae who is married to Richard Gott and Kim William, residing in California. They have one grandchild, Sonya Rae Gott, daughter of Connie and Dick.

DEAN, RAYMOND LESLIE AND LUCY VIRGINIA

Ray Dean has been a prominent business man for over 50 years. He was born on Oct. 2, 1893 in Valparaiso to Lyman and Anna, nee Stalbaum, Dean. He was their second child, Glen being older and Helen the younger of the 3 children. Lyman Dean operated a plumbing firm which Ray joined, Valparaiso Plumbing Company. During World War I, Ray served in the U. S. Navy. He is a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge and the Valparaiso Golf Club.

Lucy Virginia Baker Dean was born in Virginia on January 6, 1896. Her parents were John Lyman Baker and Florence Thomas Baker. She was their youngest child. The Bakers had gone to Virginia from Hebron and after Lucy's birth they returned to Hebron to live. Lucy attended the university at Valparaiso and taught school in Porter County. She is a past president of the Valparaiso Woman's Club.

Ray and Lucy were married August 17, 1918. They are the parents of John Lyman born September 7, 1920, James Baker born June 7, 1926 and Lucille Rae born May 17, 1928. John married Jane Peterson in July 1949, they have 3 children Malcolm, Nancy and Brian. James maried Dolores Johnson on June 5, 1948; they have 2 children, Constance Rae and Kim William and one grandchild Sonya Rae Gott. Lucille married James Skophammer in August 1949; they have 2 children Laurie Sue and Timothy Grant. They reside in California.

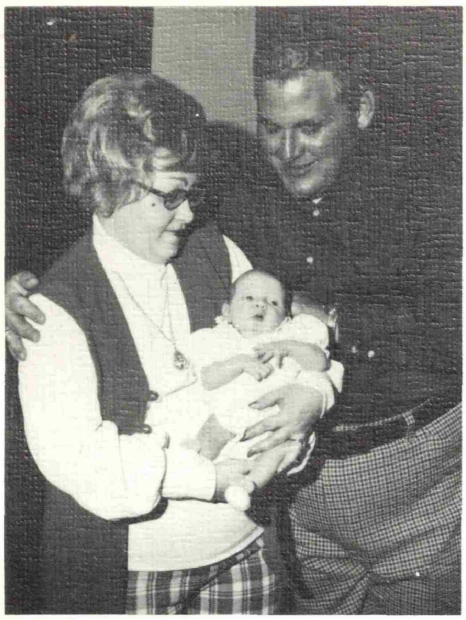
Ray and Lucy are members of the First Christian Church.



THE DICK FAMILY

The Dick Family is not a native Hoosier family although they have made permanent resident in Valparaiso since 1970. Jan Dick, a native of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, attended college at Valparaiso University from 1964 until receiving his B.S. degree in Business administration in 1969. His future wife, Marian, joined him in 1967 after graduating from St. John's School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Marian is a native of Ruff Creek, Pennsylvania and went to work as a nurse at Porter Memorial Hospital upon arriving in Valpo. After his Graduation, Jan took a position with Bethlehem Steel Company at its Burns Harbor Plant. In 1970, the couple were married and took up residence on Berkley Drive on the north side of Valparaiso. On December 30th of that year, their first daughter, Christianne, was born. Jan remained with Bethlehem and Marian worked part-time at PMH until their second daughter, Suzanne, was born on November 2, 1973.

Since that time, Jan and Marian have remained working for the same employers and have planned to raise their two daughters in Valparaiso.



MERRITT AND CAROL DICKINSON

Carol A. Eichenseher daughter of Walter and Clara (Hundt) Eichenseher of Valparaiso and Merritt Grant Dickinson son of Garner and Helen (Cook) Dickinson were married June 6, 1959 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, where they made their first home in an apartment. Five months later, they moved to a house in Hebron, where they lived for one year. They moved to a house near Crown Point in December of 1960 where they remained for three years, when they built their present home in Hebron. Merritt has been a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 for 17 years. Carol was employed for 9 years with General Telephone Company in Valparaiso as a Business Representative and now is a housewife.

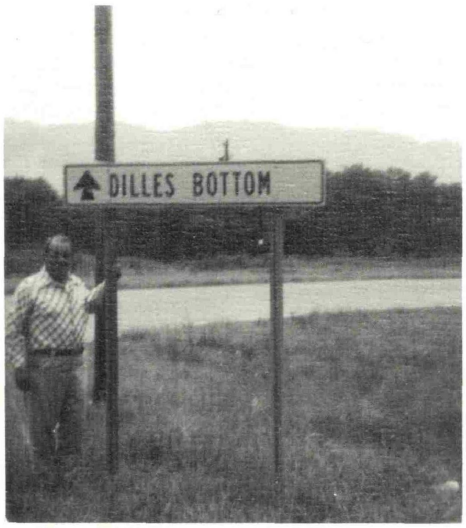
Their daughter Michele Lee was born on March 19, 1975 in Valparaiso and was baptized April 6, 1975 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Hebron.

Merrit is a member of Hebron Masonic Lodge #502, Scottish Rite of South Bend, Shrine of Hammond, Operating Engineer's Square Club, Duneland Young Republicans, Porter County Shrine, and Porter County Scottish Rite. He was president of the Operating Engineer's Square Club in 1972. He is currently serving as a Trustee of St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Carol is a member of the Central District Republican Womens' Club, Duneland Young Republicans, South County Belles Homemakers Club, Porter County and Hebron Bicentennial Committees, St. Michaels Ladies Aid, South County Republican Womens' Club, and is a Vice Precinct Committee woman for Boone Township. She has twice served as a delegate to the Republican State Convention and was a candidate for Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Hebron in 1975.

Merritt and Carol have both been active in the campaigns of former Congressman Earl F. Landgrebe and have worked to help establish the new Lutheran Church, St. Michaels, in Hebron.

Submitted by Merritt Dickinson



THE DILLIE'S 300 YEARS IN AMERICA

John Dille a member of the Puritan Colony that founded Woodbridge, New Jersey 1669. In the following Dille Generations I find fifty John Dilles. So figure that out if you can.

Aaron, Caleb, Samuel and John Dille crossed the Alleghenies by Braddock Road to the Ohio River at Moundsville, West Virginia. They crossed the river and founded the town of Dille, Ohio, Belmont County, now marked on the map as "the Switzerland of Ohio" on highway #7—always known as Dille-Bottom. In 1790 about three thousand acres were here acquired by the Dille brothers. A fort was built, the exact spot where this was built is not known and one of the reasons for our several visits there. The old river road was in need of so much repair a new highway has been built about 1971 or 1972. I had some friends there who were watching the grading for the new road in hopes we would find some clue as to the forts location. None was found.

There is a church, a store, a restaurant and a motel marked Dilles. We visited two cemeterys so old not one name can be read. Just guess some are Dille graves.

Hiram Dille born July 27, 1812 in Dilles Bottom, Belmont County Ohio. Hiram came with his father and an older brother Cephas—1829—records show 165 acres of land at 1.25 per acre located in Washington Township by John Dille. Later 73 acres, 1833 and 1836, 160 acres for $200.00 and 1837 80 acres for $100.00 by Hiram Dille living in Valparaiso the rest of his life.

John Comador Dille was second son of Hiram born Sept. 1, 1836. Died June 12, 1897, buried in Chesterton cemetery. His wife was Caroline Lansing daughter of Robert Lansing, a millwright, buried in Lansing cemetery, Porter County.

Six Children of John and Caroline Dille: Birdell Dille born 1865 died 1/7/1919; June Dille Born 1/4/1864 died 2/26/1955; Neva Dille born 3/25/1869 died 10/17/1945; Roscoe Vernon Dille born 11/14/1871 died 1/6/1956; John C. Dille born 5/29/1877 died 5/14/1941. A baby girl died in infancy named Molly.

Rosco Dille married Jeanette Hyde —3 daughters: Lillian 2/12/1898 to 2/2/1920, Lorean Dille 3/19/1899 to 7/19/1922, Olive Dille 4/29/1900 to —. Jeantte Hdye Dille died in 1904.

Rosco Dille married Mildred Marvin —2 daughters, 4 sons: Doris Idell Dille born 2/12/1914, Mary Helen Dille born 3/28/1922, Marvin Rosco Dille born 2/2/1910, Tom Vernon Dille born 8/13/1912, Howard Richard Dille born 8/13/1915, Calvin Luther Dille born 4/5/1919. Howard Richard Dille died Feb. 13, 1935. Tom Vernon Dille died Aug. 25, —, Centralia, Illinois. Rosco Vernon Dille died Jan. 6, 1956, buried in Chesterton.

Aug. 15, 1975—83 years old—May 3, 1975. Oct. 1905 my father William C. Marvin and I came to Chicago, Illinois from Andover, Ohio. Papa was a railroad man came to drive the piling for tracks and station at Gary. They were just grading Broadway in Gary with scoops and teams of horses. We settled in Chesterton and have been

here 70 years. So could write a book on the many changes in Porter County. As I am a mother, grandmother, great and great, great grandmother, it is impossible to name all with birthdays and other dates correctly.

But I do want to say for a little old orphan kid I didn't do too bad. The greatest pleasure in my life has been to have a family, Gods greatest gift. Mildred Marvin Dille Reeves.

Picture taken Aug. 1975 for the book —Marvin R. Dille first great grandson of Hiram to have Dille name.

DILLON, WILLIAM & MARY

DILLON, WILLIAM H. & MARY L., 511 Strongbow Trail, Chesterton, moved to present address in May of 1955 from Chicago. In 1958 the Dillons joined the Civil Air Patrol unit in Michigan City. In 1962, William Dillon, was made Group VIII Commander, assumed rank of Lt. Col. Moving his plane to Porter County Airport, he had many activities and flights. Through these many efforts along with the publicity by Major Mary Dillon, they were responsible for the growth of the Valparaiso Squadron.

During this time the Dillons were also active with other activities such as Little League, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, (giving airplane rides as rewards), Brownies, Girl Scouts, American Legion, and Auxiliary, and the Moose. Mary Dillon had been active in Women of the Moose, and Toastmistress. She is now active in American Legion Auxiliary #503, and Porter County Assn. of Insurance Women. Bill is active in American Legion, Moose, and is a member of two bowling teams.

Most memorable of their experiences was the Great Snowstorm of '67 when Bill Dillon was in the aircraft painting business at the Porter County Airport. They opened their hangar to stranded motorists and eventually numbered 55. They were snowed in for over a week with only a two-burner electric plate, a large coffee pot, and a 3-lb. coffee can to make soup in. Each person had to save their plastic serving ware (to make it last).

Currently, the Dillons enjoy summers fishing in the waters of Lake Michigan from Burns Harbor to Michigan City.

Son, William R. USAF for 13 years, is married, 2 children, living in Calif. Daughter, Bonnie, married, lives in Kenosha with her husband and 4 children. Michael, single, lives in Burns Harbor and daughter, Sue, with her daughter is presently living at home.



JOHN AND MARTHA DINSE

Our parents John and Martha (Jacobs) Dinse purchased a farm of 67 acres in Morgan Township in the year 1912. They moved out from Chicago, where two of three children were born, Vernon and Helen. Dad was not too experienced in farming, but Mom was born and raised on a farm in Washington Township, so she knew it took a lot of hard work and help from relatives and friends to get it all done. This particular area, where Mom grew up was called "Snake Island" and was also known as "Jacobs Homestead".

The next year after moving to Indiana a second daughter was born, Melva.

As years passed by the folks bought 45 more acres joining the other acreage. On these two places were about 500 rods of hedge trees. These were all removed and posts wre cut out and sold and the rest was used for the furnace and cooking stove. This wood lasted us about five years.

Dad had learned to play the concertina in his younger days and played for dances in Chicago and barn dances in Indiana. He was very active in Farm Bureau, Fair Board and Church activities. In 1941 he began working at Continental Diamond Company and retired from there in 1953. He enjoyed working with flowers and gardening, he called it his park, which was always beautiful and weedless.

Vernon married Mildred Chael in 1931, they now live on the old homestead. He also is active in Farm Bureau and was county chairman for 10 years. He was appointed the ASC committee for 2 years. He was elected to the Recorder office for 8 years and is now serving on the County Council. He has been very active in the Red Cross program, which he now serves as chairman. He also is a member of the local Rotary Club and Fair Board. He also has served on the Church Council.

They have two children Nancy and Ruth, Nancy graduated from Morgan Township School, like her mother. After graduation she attended South Bend Business College and was later employed at McGill Manufacturer. Then became secretary to Congressman Earl Landgrebe and moved to Washington D.C. She now is working at the White House. Their other daughter, Ruth who also graduated from Morgan Township, decided not to go on to school and go to work. She is now employed by Pioneer National Title Insurance Company in Valparaiso and has worked there since graduation. She is now married to Donald Nicholson and they live in Valparaiso.

Helen who graduated from Adams School in Morgan Township was employed during the depression years at what used to be called Trail-Inn Restaurant. In later years she also worked at Philley Manufactures and Porter Memorial Hospital. She later had to retire to take care of our parents until their deaths. Mother died July 4, 1968 and Dad December 12, 1970. They both lived to be 87 years old. Before Dad passed away she married Harry Spohn, and they now live in Pleasant Township. She enjoys her flower and garden work, besides traveling with Harry.

As for myself, Melva, I was born and raised on the home place and graduated from Morgan High School. I worked at Trail-Inn and Philley Manufacturers and Porter Memorial Hospital. I was married to Harold McGriff for 25 years and we had three children, Bettie, Janet, and William. Bettie is married to Jack Wild and have one daughter Jacquelyn, they now live in Logansport,

Indiana. She has a beauty shop in her home. Our 2nd daughter, Janet, is now married to Robert Zwiers. She has 3 boys Kevin, Kurtis, and Ronald, they all attend Wanatah School and live in South Wanatah. Janet is employed at McGill Manufacturer. William our son married Linda Miller of Kouts and have 2 children, Kimberly and Timothy. Bill is in the Construction business. They have a home in Morgan Township.

At the time of Harold's death in 1963 we were living on a small farm by Kouts. Bill and I were the only ones left at home at this time so we moved into Kouts. In 1966, I married George Drazer of Kouts, we both had retired, so we traveled. Our winters were spent in Florida and summers in Indiana and Minnesota fishing. In 1973 he passed away in Florida.

I continued to spend winters in Florida and summers in Indiana with my children. In 1975 I married Pearl Atchison, we live in a large trailer court in Florida and have purchased a home in Wanatah for summer months. We enjoy boating, fishing, and bowling.

Submitted by Melva Atchison



ROY R. DITTMAN

Mr. & Mrs. Roy R. Dittman are the parents of four children, Roy Jr., Indianapolis, Mrs. Harley (Doris) Phillips, Mrs. George (Lois) Neeley, Mrs. Donald (Joan) Delp of Valparaiso, and nine grandchildren.

Roy Sr. was born in Valparaiso in 1898 and has lived here most of his life. Ethel was born in Chicago in 1900.

MRS. PHYLLIS DODD

Perhaps one of the most interesting houses on Institute Street in Valparaiso is the 134-year old house of Mrs. Phyllis Dodd. It was built in 1841 in what was then, the outskirts of town. It stood in a corn field, at the corner of Maple and First Streets, which was one of the first additions to the town of Valparaiso. Today, the street names have been changed to College and Institute. During the era of the Civil War, the house was bought by the John W. Hayden family, who had moved from Malden in Morgan Township. According to stories that have been passed along, John Hayden moved to this location so that he and his family would be able to hear the news of the Civil War.

The house has many characteristics that make it unique. Many years ago, it had a soft water cistern that caught rain water for drinking. The nails used in the house are iron. All are handmade, possessing a unique square shape. No two in the entire house are alike. Many of the original windows still exist. Mrs. Dodd, the present resident, has many samplers located around the house, some from the last century. Mr. William Dodd, who purchased the house in 1941, has refinished all the family antique furniture, which consists of such items as a cherrywood dresser, kerosene lamps, a player piano, and a wooden table brought from England in the 1800's.

Mrs. Dodd's late husband, William E. Dodd, was born across the street from this house that he was to later own. Born in 1912, he was a painter, decorator and contractor for most of his life. He recently died in 1974. Still living are a brother John who lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee, his wife, Phyllis, and twin daughters; Judith Lynn (Mrs. Jeffrey Sievers of Tennessee) and Joyce Dale (Mrs. John Harcharik of Florida.)

Mr. William E. Dodd came from a family who has resided in Valparaiso for 95 years. His parents were Susan Kleist Dodd and William R. Dodd (who moved to Valparaiso at the age of 9 months from Adrian, Michigan.) Formerly, William R. Dodd's family had come to New York from England in order to settle in a land where they would have more freedom of speech, religion and education. Open land and land grants were especially prevalent in this area. When the father of William R. Dodd, moved to Valparaiso, he operated the Valparaiso City Garden, which was located behind the old Mica Factory on Factory Street. William R. Dodd started primary school at the old Central High school. Later he dropped out of the second or third year of high school to go to work. After earning a little money, he entered the Brown-Kinsey University where he took a commercial course. At that time, it was not necessary to have a high school diploma in order to go to college.

Mrs. Phyllis Dodd, still resides at the 507 Institute home. She was born in 1915 to Amanda Lemster Lietz and Adolph Lietz in Chicago. Her mother's parents, the Henry Lemster's, originally came from Germany where they built a home at Locust and Indiana Avenues. Mrs. Phyllis Dodd's grandfather was a brick mason and contractor who had moved to Valparaiso with a group of Germans from the same section of Germany. Many can still see some of his work: Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Old Christian Hospital, the first paving of route 49. Mrs. Dodd's mother married and moved from Valparaiso where she married Adolph Lietz, an electrician.

Mrs. Dodd returned to Valparaiso during the depression because her father had died and she needed to work. She became a clerk at Lowenstine's gift department for $7 a week. In 1939, she married William E. Dodd. They moved to their permanent home at 507 Institute in 1941.

Mrs. Dodd, an invalid for 14 years from Multiple Sclerosis, is a very avid collector of works, memoirs and postcards of Abraham Lincoln. Into her life, she has incorporated Lincoln's famous words: "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

COIT DOLHOVER

Mr. Dolhover was born in Porter Township, Porter County on June 22, 1896. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dolhover.

George Dolhover's parents, George and Johanna Dolhover, came from Bavaria, Germany where the name was spelled Dolhoffer. They settled in Wisconsin and from this state Mr. Dolhover enlisted in the Union Army. He was fatally wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg. His wife passed away in 1910.

The son, George, lived in Wisconsin until the age of twenty seven, when he came to Porter County, Indiana. He was married to Emma French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solon French, long time residents of Porter County. Mr. French was also injured in the Civil War.

George and Emma Dolhover had two children, Martha and Coit. Martha was married to Brice Lantz and they have one daughter, Mrs. Wilford Ugland (Gracecaryl) who now resides in California. Mrs. Ugland is a graduate of Valparaiso University.

Coit lived in Porter Township, Porter County all of his life. He was graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1916. He enlisted in the Marines in World War I and had his training on Paris Island. His overseas equipment was on the boat, scheduled to leave, when he become seriously ill with double pneumonia. Hundreds of the Marines died on this boat, going overseas, from the terrible epidemic of the pneumonia suffered during World War I. Coit was in the hospital in Quantico, Virginia for many weeks. He was discharged in February, 1919.

On December 10, 1919 he was married to Alma Stevens, who was teaching in Porter Township Schools. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stevens who resided on their farm in Porter Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Coit Dolhover began farming in Porter Township and he resided there the remainder of his life. Mrs. Coit Dolhover still resides at their home in Porter Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Coit Dolhover were active members of the Boone Grove Christian Church and the Republican Party and Mrs. Dolhover still remains active in these organizations.

Coit Dolhover was a member of the Hebron Lodge No. 502 F.A.M. and the South Bend Valley of Scottish Rites. He served as trustee of Porter Township from 1951-1955. He was a member of the Aviation Board in its early years.

There are three children in the Dolhover family, Lois, Corinne and Richard. All are graduates from Boone Grove High School and members of the Boone Grove Christian Church. Lois (Mrs. Jack Sullivan) of Park Forest, Illinois attended Bryant and Stratton College in Chicago and is now a secretary at Insurance Survey Company at Glenwood, Illinois. They are the parents of three children, Karen, Ellen and Janet.

Corinne (Mrs. Robert Gray) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was graduated from Indiana University and does some teaching in the Pittsburg Schools. The late Mr. Gray and Mrs. Gray have four children, Daniel, Daryl, Diane and Robert, Jr.

Richard attended Franklin College in Indiana, then enlisted and served in the Army Security Agency in Korea for three years. He is now an electrician at Midwest Steel in Portage. Richard is married to the former Mary Alice Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Maxwell, who were residents on their farm in Morgan Township, Porter County. Mary Alice has taught six years in the Porter County Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dolhover now own and operate their farm in Porter Township. They are parents of two children, Michael, age 8 and Sue Ann, age 6. The children are attending Boone Grove Elementary School.

Coit Dolhover was deceased March 16, 1960 at the age of 73 years.



MABELLE KEENE DOUGLAS (MRS. GORDON DOUGLAS) AND SON THOMAS A. DOUGLAS

Mabelle Keene Douglas, great-granddaughter of Timothy Keene and Susan Ann Park Keene. Timothy and family came to Valparaiso in 1857 and bought a 130 acre farm. He taught in the public schools, was appointed Commissioner of Education of Porter County Schools about 1873. Shortly after was elected Superintendent of Porter County Schools. Timothy and wife had five children. Andrew (my grandfather), the oldest, married Hannah Appleton. They lived in Porter County near Cook's Corner. Two sons were born, Thomas Ray (my father) and Harry. Thomas married Sarah Elizabeth Baker and farmed in Union Township. They had the following children: George and Clyde died at an early age. Thomas Norman, who married Marjorie Lutz of Hobart. They lived in Valparaiso, had two sons: Thomas William and William Norman. Thomis is married and lives in Center Township. William is married and lives in California; Irene Hannah and Ada Harriet, twins, who died during World War II from diphtheria-scarlet fever epidemic; Susan died in same epidemic; Elizabeth, who married and had two daughters, Karen and Nancy; Mabelle who married Gordon Ross Douglas, killed in farm accident after 2½ years of marriage. Farmed in Washington Township. They had one son, Thomas Allen Douglas, who works for Sears Roebuck & Co. in Chicago as an industrial engineer in the national field operations. Ralph Keene, who married Juanita Cox, and farms in Union Township on the family farm. They have two daughters, Linda and Kathy, and both teach in Porter County.

I teach school at Northview School. I have lived in Porter County all my life.

My father, Thomas R. Keene, was trustee of Union Township 1930-1938; was president of State Trustees Association for one year and was County Assessor when he died February 15, 1946. He was a resident of Porter County all his life.

GUSTAV F. AND EMMA (BEGESCHKE) DREWS

Gustav and Emma Drews had three children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Their firstborn was Leona, who married Clarence Jacobs. Their first son, now deceased, was Herbert. Harold was their youngest; he married Belva Boehm.

Clarence and Leona Jacobs had Sheryl (Mrs. Ronald Berry), Susan, Connie, and Thomas.

Harold and Belva Drews reared Carol Ann (Mrs. James Terrell), James, and Ruth (Mrs. Richard Heerdt). James and Carol Ann have Douglas and Pamela; James and his wife Karen have Kim; and Richard and Ruth have Chaista, Shelley, and Missey.

DON F. DRIVER FAMILY

Moved to Valparaiso from Indianapolis, Indiana in February 1961. Don Driver to join the Allanson Insurance Agency to succeed O. L. Allanson as manager.

Mary Ellen, wife of Don and mother of David F. Driver and Thomas A. Driver.

Don Driver active in business and Civic Affairs. Mary Ellen active in Hospital Guild and Civic work.

Both sons graduated from Valparaiso Community School system; played tennis on school teams. Both sons attended and graduated from Ball State University.

Son David married Debra Suggs, a Ball State student from Richmond, Indiana.

Son Thomas married Cheryl LeMay, a Ball State student from Circleville, Ohio.

Both sons returned to Valparaiso—Thomas to join the Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company, David to join the Allanson Insurance Agency.

THE ARNOLD ECKERT FAMILY

Arnold Eckert and Bernice Wilson, natives of Wanatah, Ind., were married and moved to Valparaiso in June 1928.

Mrs. Eckert, an elementary school teacher, was a niece of Misses Emma and Lois Pinney, who were then long time residents of Valparaiso. Their home is still standing, one of the older (built in 1875) historical homes, at 208 East Chicago Street, now, the well kept home of the Swygerts.

Arnold was employed as a meat cutter in the Grocery and Market of the Lowenstine Store. He later became manager of the Meat Department of Windles' Grocery and Market on East Lincolnway. In January 1935, he opened his own place of business, Eckerts' Grocery and Market at 119 East Lincolnway. Here he was assisted by LeRoy Chumley and later by his sons.

After having lived in rented homes, the Eckerts, in 1937, built their own home at 207 Napoleon St., where the parents still reside.

Their sons, Ronald, Richard and James att attended Gardner Elementary School, Franklin Junior High and were graduates of Valpo High. They were all active participants in the vocal and instrumental music program of the school as well as in athletics.

As a result of the Christian influence of the Miss Pinneys and other faithful members of the First Baptist Church, the Eckerts, early in their life in Valparaiso became members of this Church. Their sons, each assumed leadership with their parents, in the Music and Christian Education program of the Church. The parents are still faithful, active members engaged in the work of the Church, now located at 2205 North Campbell.

Their sons, Ronald, Richard and James, each attended Bible Institute, College and Seminary and became ordained Baptist Ministers. They are now married and with their families, serving in the following localities:

Ronald—"Co-Pastor and Minister of Music", Central Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn.

He and his wife (former Carol Martinson) are parents of five sons.

Richard—"Minister of Music and Pastoral Care", North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

He and his wife (former Frieda O'Barr—also a native of Valparaiso) are the parents of 1 son and 1 daughter. They reside at Skokie, Illinois.

James—"Co-Pastor and Minister of Music", The First Baptist Church, Columbus, Indiana. He and his wife (former Jeanne Balzer) are parents of two sons.

They all have many happy memories of days growing up in Valparaiso and enjoy return visits.





THE CHARLES N. EHRSTEIN FAMILY

Charley came to northern Indiana in August of 1955 from Grand Chain, Illinois, to be a carpenter for Traylor Construction Co. He was working on the Indiana Toll Road and lived in Porter, Ind. Then in January 1956 he married Betty Wallace of Vienna, Illinois and they moved to Valparaiso to the Frank Wyse apartments out on State Road Two, where they lived until June 1958. They moved to Lytle Street, where they lived until August 1967, at that time they moved again to 1202 Kenwood Ave.

They have four children, two girls and two boys, and belong to St. Paul's Church. Charles Norbert Ehrstein, Betty Joe Ehrstein, Rebecca Ann Ehrstein, Frederick Alan Ehrstein, Paul Andrew Ehrstein, Sara Elizabeth Ehrstein.

FRED J. EIBEL

Fred Eibel is a respected professional in the field of plumbing, heating, and cooling contractors. Just this past year he was runner-up as National Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractor of the Year. He has worked his way to the top. From being President of Gary Master Plumbers Association, he was elected President of the Indiana Association of Plumbing Contractors in 1938 and 1939. He was a member of the Apprentice Board in Gary when they started their own school —one that is now a model for other cities. He served on the Indiana State Apprentice Committee in 1968. For 10 years he has been a Director of the Indiana Association of Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors. He is an immediate past-President of the Association of Northern Indiana Plumbing and Piping Contractors, an organization created by the merger of associations in Gary, Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting, and Michigan City.

Besides his work, Fred has shown great community spirit. He has sung in the Trinity Lutheran Church Choir for 15 years, served on the YMCA Board of Directors, helped organize the building jrogram for the Boy Scouts Sauk Trail facilities, been a Republican Precinct Committeeman, held membership in the Gary Steel Club, Gary University Club, Gary Country Club, and Kiwanis Club. He was the first President of the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association for Northern Indiana. The United Fund drive, YMCA membership and fund drive, and Trade Winds Crippled Childrens Home have also benefited from Fred's energy and dedication. He has received numerous commendations and awards for his participation in these and other worthy causes.

F. RITCHEY EIBEL

Born June 2, 1934, in Gary, "Ritchey" is now the "Son" in Eibel and Son, Inc., 200 Billings Street in Valparaiso. He has followed the same profession that his father, Fred J., chose. He is a 1956 Purdue University graduate in Industrial Economics. His wife, Sally Jeanne (Cochran) Eibel is a 1957 Purdue graduate in Languages. They have two daughters, Susanna Jeanne, age 8, and Jennifer Jeanne, age 7. Having been Junior Editor on *Debris*, he is a Sigma Delta Chi as a journalist and socially a Beta Theta Pi.

As an industrial and plumbing contractor, Ritchey sits on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Association of Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors; the National Advisory Board for National Plumbing; and is President of Northern Indiana Plumbing and Piping Contractors.

In addition, he is President of the Board of Trustees for the Merrillville Methodist Church, past-President of Gary Lions Club, and is on the Board of Directors for Methodist Hospital.

With his family, he enjoys sailing, tennis, skiing, and anything he can do with his wife and children.

He also takes time to be active in the Gary University Club, the Indiana Society of Chicago, and the Gary Country Club.

THE G. GLEN ELLIS, JR. FAMILY

Family members: G. Glen Ellis, Jr. (father), Marilyn J. (Bushing) Ellis (mother), and daughters Laurie M. (now Mrs. Donald Hootman of Bryan, Ohio), Leslee A., Linda J., and Lisa M.

Glen moved to Valparaiso in 1937 from Gary, Indiana. He attended the Valparaiso schools graduating in 1949. Being active in scouting he attained the Eagle rank in 1946 and attended the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in 1950. Marilyn came to Valparaiso in 1950 as a student at Valparaiso University, primarily because her aunt, Vera Bushing, was catalogger at the University library.

Glen and Marilyn were married in 1952 while students at Valparaiso University. Glen graduated in 1953 with a B.A. in mathematics and accepted a position with the Goodyear Atomic Corp. in Portsmouth, Ohio. After working in Paducah, Ky., and Oak Ridge, Tenn., for the same company, Glen was drafted into the U. S. Army in October of 1953. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he was assigned to electronics school at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and later became an instructor there. During the period from 1952-1954, Marilyn was employed at 1st Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. of Valparaiso and then moved to El Paso.

Glen was employed by the Hebron Public Schools as a mathematics and science teacher from 1955 to 1958. In 1958 he was awarded a National Science Foundation Grant for study at the University of Illinois and graduated with an M.S. in mathematics in 1959. He then took a position at Valparaiso High School as mathematics teacher and has been there ever since. He received an M.A.T. degree in mathematics from Purdue University in 1964.

Glen is a past president of the Valparaiso Teachers Assoc., was on the Board of Directors of the Indiana State Teachers Assoc., and is on the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Community Concert Assoc.

Marilyn returned to Valparaiso University on a part-time basis in 1965 and graduated with a B. S. degree in Elementary Education in 1973. She took employment with the Valparaiso Community Schools as an elementary teacher at Central School, and is presently working on a master's degree at Valparaiso University. She is on the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Community Concert Assoc. and is a member of PEO.

Laurie graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1972 where she was drum major of the band. She also graduated from International Jr. College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1973.

Leslee graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1974 and is presently a student at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She spent the summer of 1973 with a family in Sweden under the auspices of the Youth for Understanding program.

Linda is now a sophomore at Valparaiso High School and is active in instrumental music, dramatics, and athletics.

Lisa is a 5th grader at Central School and is active in music, gymnastics, and swimming.

The family has been active in the 1st United Methodist Church of Valparaiso.

Submitted by Glen Ellis, Jr.

LEONARD AND BERNICE ELLIS

Porter County was without a radio station until November, 1964, when WAYK went on the air. Leonard J. ("Uncle Len") and Bernice A. Ellis, applied for the 1500 spot on the radio dial in 1960, and after quite a technical and legal battle that continued for four years, the Ellises were granted a construction permit over several other groups who had applied.

Uncle Len, a country music radio veteran, began construction on eleven acres of the old Edward Domke farm, located on Sager Road, just south of Valparaiso, and the radio station—two radio towers and the studio—went on the air November 4, 1964.

In 1968 the Ellises received permission from the Federal Communications Commission to change WAYK's call letters to WAKE. The same year, WLJE-FM 105.5 went on the air. This added a fuller dimension to Wake and gave the community a full-time facility. The FM station was the first in northwest Indiana to broadcast in stereo and the first station to use a circular polarized antenna.

From the beginning Uncle Len and his radio stations have been award winners. One that Uncle Len is especially proud of is the Freedom Foundation Award, presented to the station after its first nine months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis realized that a formula of "giving to the community" was a successful one, and in order to please many tastes, WAKE was completely separated from its sister operation, WLJE. WAKE is totally easy listening, and WLJE spouts a "country-lovin' " format.

On November 23, 1971, the Ellises put their third station on the air, WAYT in Wabash, Indiana.

The Ellises have been in Porter County since 1957. Both are natives of Chicago. Mrs. Ellis attended Visitation High School, and Mr. Ellis attended Harrison High School. He studied at DePaul and Duquesne Universities and graduated from Columbia College. Uncle Len was with WJOB in Hammond from 1951 to 1960 as station manager, and then worked at WWCA in Gary.

Their first Porter County home was located in Chesterton at the junction of Route 149 and the Little Calumet River. The Ellises currently reside in the Sylvan Manor subdivision in Valparaiso. They have three children, Leigh (born in 1953), Neenah (born in 1954), and Marissa (the only "Hoosier", born in 1960).

The Ellis' services to the community don't stop with the radio stations. Mr. Ellis served as president of the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce in 1966-67 and on the board of directors from 1967-70. During his tenure as president, the chamber instituted several changes: the office was moved to a newer, more modern location: the Valparaiso Community Improvement Committee was established: and the still-continuing practice of presenting awards to the community was initiated.

LEONARD & MAXINE ERICKSON FAMILY

Leonard came to Porter County with his parents, Erick and Agnes Erickson and brother Clarence and sisters Lillian, Evelyn, Violet and Jean in 1929 from Chicago, Illinois to the Sievers Farm in Washington Township. In 1938 he married Maxine Krachey who had moved with her parents, James and Amelia Krachey and brothers Vincent, William, and John from Wales, North Dakota in 1935 to the Harry Pierce farm in Washington Township.

We have three children, Patricia, John and Sharon, all of whom graduated from Washington School.

Leonard is a carpenter by trade and a member of the carpenter's union for over thirty years. He is a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy from September 1944 through February, 1946. He also served on the township advisory board for twenty years.

Both are charter members of the Evangelical Free Church of Washington Township. They have resided in Washington Township since coming here years back.

THE JOSEPH JAMES FABIAN FAMILY

Joseph James Fabian was born in Gary, Indiana on October 13, 1920. One of three children born to John and Anna Fabian, an immigrant family from Hungary. His father was a carpenter by trade. Joseph graduated from Lew Wallace High School in 1939. He served as a radio man with the Navy's Admiral Staff of the Seventh Fleet, during World War II. He has worked for the steel mills, carpentry and sales. He is presently employed by All Phase Electric in Valparaiso.

Joseph married Jeanne Walton in 1943. Jeanne was born in Eagle Creek Township in Indiana, one of 12 children born to Leroy and Sarah Walton, who came to Illinois and Indiana from Kansas traveling across the county in an open wagon. Leroy was a Spanish American War Veteran and Wagon master at Fort Riley, Kansas. He served as Commander and Chief of the Spanish American Veterans of Gary, IN for many years.

Jeanne and Joe are the parents of six wonderful boys. Joe, born in 1947, Mike, 1950, Steve, 1952, Pat, 1955, Dirk, 1956, and Drew, 1958. The two oldest boys served their country by being Vietnam Veterans. Steve served his time in the service in Germany. Tragedy brought the untimely death of Dirk in 1973. Joe and Mike are married, and the other boys are still at home.

We moved to Valparaiso twenty years ago and settled in Washington Township in 1968. We found the house of our dreams and found through past history it was the dream of many other people. Our house was originally christened the *Broadlands*. We hope to restore it and that name.

JASPER N. FINNEY FAMILY

Jasper Newton Finnel, was born November 24, 1842, in a log cabin on the farm one and one-half miles east of Valparaiso, and is the farm which his father bought from the government in 1836 for three dollars per acre. In his boyhood days there was much to do toward further clearing of the land and carrying on the farming. He helped his father with such work during the spring and summer months and in the winter he attended school in a log school house, then later attended the common school in Valparaiso, then still later in the winters of 1860-61-62 he attended the old Valparaiso University. On August 7, 1862, he enlisted with Company E, 4th Indiana Cavalry, for service with the Union Army during the Civil War. He served two years and about eleven months and was honor-

ably discharged June 25, 1865. During his service as a soldier he, with his company, participated in many of the big battles of the war, among them the battle of Chickamaugua, the battle of Reseca, the Atlanta campaign and Wilson's famous raid in the spring of 1865. In all he was under fire, in battles, thirty-two times. In July, 1864, during the McCook raid, he was captured and held prisoner by General Wheeler's men, and was sent to Andersonville prison, and held there until in September. While being transferred to another prison, with several hundred other prisoners, he escaped from the guards, and after many difficulties of traveling by night, and in a weakened condition, and by keeping hid in the daytime, he finally reached the Union lines. He was directed to his own company and immediately joined them for further service. It was during the time of his confinement in Andersonville prison that the famous spring of fresh, clear, cool water broke out in the prison, which saved the lives of hundreds of Union soldiers held there. This spring is, and always has been, regarded as an act of Providence. After the war he returned to his old home at Valparaiso and resumed the occupation of farming, on the farm on which he was born. He carried on that occupation until he retired and became a citizen of Valparaiso. As a pioneer of Porter county, he knows the privations and the joys, the quaint customs and the honest ways that go with pioneer days. He saw, with his own eyes, the trend of development of Porter county and Valparaiso, and contributed to that development in no small way by his own activities. During his career as a resident of Porter county he witnessed the passing of the tallow candle to the electric light, the ox team to the automobile, the mud-slashed road to the beautiful macadam. Telephones, traction lines, rural routes, all kinds of electrical devices, all came about while he was living in Porter county. Soon after the war he joined the G.A.R., Chaplain Brown Post No. 106, and served in every office from Commander down. He was one of the charter members of the Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co. The first policy ever issued by that company was issued to him on his property. He was treasurer of that organization for nineteen years. Many years ago he became a member of the First Baptist church and was a deacon in that church many years. On September 5, 1872, he married Matilda Ann Jones.

Matilda Ann (Jones) Finney was born in a log cabin in Jackson township, Porter county, March 27, 1846. She was one of twelve children. When she was four years old her mother died. She lived with her father and older sisters until she was old enough to work among neighboring families. For a number of years she worked for and lived in the home of Tilman Hogan, an old resident of Valparaiso. When she was nine years old, her father, who had amassed what was considered a small fortune for those times, started overland westward, to prospect in land and be a part of great development of the then Far West. He took with him all the money he had accumulated, to invest in land. As mail traveled very slowly in those days, little was heard of his progress toward the West until a year or two after his departure, when information came to the family that he had been engaged to lead a party of prospectors farther West from Kansas City, and after the party had been gone a few days they encountered a band of Indians and the entire party was wiped out. Details as to what actually happened are very meager, but evidences were found which indicated that the entire party had been murdered. His family never saw him after leaving Jackson township. Little is known of her mother's parents, except that they immigrated from Germany and settled in Ohio, later coming to Porter county. On account of the poor school facilities of that early day, and in that rural district, her education was limited to a few years' schooling in a log school house in Jackson township. She is a lady of more than ordinary ability. She has ably filled her position as wife and mother in the establishment of a home and the rearing of a family. At all times she was ready to counsel and advise with her husband in their life-work. She endeavored to live a Christian life, consistent with the dictates of a pure heart. She was a member of and a regular attendant at the First Baptist Church. On September 5, 1872, she married Jasper Newton Finney.

On September 5, 1872, Jasper Newton Finney laid the foundation of a congenial life companionship by his union with Matilda Ann Jones. They had six (6) children who were the eighth generation of the Finney family:

(1) Stella Maria, born August 2, 1873, married George Wade, both deceased.

(2.) Edith Teresa, born January 23, 1875, deceased.

(3.) Leslie Wayne, born July 21, 1876, was killed in a railroad wreck on February 11, 1901.

(4.) Arthur Alanson, born May 5, 1878, married Flora Lewis, both are deceased, had two daughters, Harriet Osburn & Charlotte Casbon, deceased.

(5.) Earl Tecuseh, born November 10, 1879, married Evelyn O'Connor, both deceased.

(6.) Grace Matilda, born June 19, 1885, married Ernest J. Cotterman, one son, Allen E.—married Grace C. Nicholson.

CADE MILLE FOLTE

Submitted by Glinda A. Fitzgerald

"Cade Mille Folte"—"Welcome A Thousand Times" was the friendly greeting of the Fitzgeralds in County Cork, Ireland to any stranger that happened by. And when one of the later famines of Ireland in the 1870's found Andrew Patrick Fitzgerald packing all his worldly possessions, it was to a land which offered that same kind of friendly greeting that he was to look.

That land, whose Statue of Liberty later stood with open arms as if to say "Welcome A Thousand Times to you stranger," was America. So with parcel in hand "and remembering that which was good," he took a ship across the sea like so many of his fellow countrymen, to the land of opportunity.

During the crossing he met Ellen A. Murphy, a proud woman who left parents and thirteen brothers and sisters in New Market, County Cork to come to America. Each was surprised that they had not met before because, as they were to say to their children and grandchildren, "we were only a stone's throw apart in Ireland."

Andrew at age 39 (b. 12/25/1835) and Ellen at age 32 (b. 5/25/1842) were married in the United States; their first child Michael, who was named after Andrew's father, was born November 7, 1875 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The next journey for the new family Fitzgerald was to Redwood City, Cali-

fornia where Andrew was to try his hand as a lumberjack. But he being from the farmlands of County Cork, and like his wife loving the land, they both had the common Irish desire to own and work their own soil. So once again they heard the friendly Irish greeting "Cade Mille Folte" when "Uncle" Drew, as he was commonly called, invited them to come to Indiana where his mother settled after leaving her and Ellen Murphy's hometown of New Market.

Thus in 1876 the Andrew P. Fitzgerald family came to settle in Porter County, Indiana. By March of 1877 they had already purchased lands in Union Township and Porter Township, which was just across the road. Then on those lands on June 23, 1877 John Edward Fitzgerald, who received his name from Ellen's father back in Ireland, was born. And when John E. Fitzgerald was baptized at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Valparaiso on July 22, 1877, one can be sure a "Cade Mille Folte" was extended to a new generation of the Indiana Irishmen by his godfather "Uncle" John Drew.

The Fitzgeralds farmed their lands and raised tobacco, Irish potatoes, corn, wheat, etc., and children as four daughters were to follow after Michael and John. Mary (b. 11/26,1878), Ellen (b. 9/29,1880), Hanora (b. 4/10/1882), and Catherine (b. 11/11/1884).

As the years passed Andrew and Ellen were to see their family expand as well as their lands. Some of Ellen's brothers and sisters came from Ireland and settled in the St. Louis area. As for Andrew and Ellen's children, Mary married Tom Godsil after moving to Stockton, California, where they owned and operated the Hotel State. Mary's son Tom now lives in Santa Cruz and her daughter, Kathryn Dana, now lives in Sacramento. Michael farmed the lands of his parents in Union and Porter Townships. Catherine was a school teacher at Spafford School in Union Township in 1904 and later taught in Portage Township. Ellen became Mrs. Albert Neff of Indianapolis. Her son Bazil lived there until his passing and her daughter Eileen married Harry Michaels. They now live in Bay City, Michigan. Hanora became Mrs. Andrew Gast of Valparaiso. Their sons Edward and Gerald Gart have since passed away leaving Francis Shearer, Ellen Ritz, Thomas Gast and Catherine Christy still residing near Valparaiso. John married Bridget A. Forkan from County Sligo, Ireland in Chicago on April 15, 1906. They made their first residence at Lake Eliza and purchased land around the area.

From John's family came a new generation of Fitzgeralds. John and Bridget while developing Lake Eliza into a reresort area raised nine children: Andrew, John, Maurice, Mary, Winifed, Ann, Thomas, Ellen May, and Joseph.

Andrew Patrick who was named after his grandfather, became a successful businessman in the field of radio in the Chicago area; he later moved back to Lake Eliza to purchase and develop the land on the west side of the Lake. John and Joe settled on the farmlands and have become successful in the horse racing business. They are the owners of Fitzgerald Farms. Maurice and Tom acquired their father's interest in developing the lands around Lake Eliza and are now owner-operators of Lake Eliza Resort. Mary married Henry Glissman, who is in the building trade, and together they built their own home and developed a small lake on their property east of Valparaiso. Winifred married Delmar Gast and together they operated a farm near Hwy. U. S. 30 west of Valparaiso, until her passing on Aug. 17, 1961. Delmar still owns and manages the farmlands. Ann married Mox Ruge a lawyer for Valparaiso, and they lived in Chesterton where Mox practiced law and became involved in the banking business until his passing on Nov. 14, 1968. Ann is now the president of the Porter Bank near Chesterton, and because of her accomplishments her name appears in *WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA*. Ella Mae married John Casson from Chicago who has worked for the Bell Telephone Co. for over 37 years, and Ella Mae works for the Illinois State Dept. of Public Welfare. She and John now reside in Oak Park, Illinois.

As there are now over 70 descendants of John and Bridget Fitzgerald's family, the family tree which follows will help to show their children's spouses and their descendants. These descendants branch out into many parts of the country, but whatever they do and wherever they go it is hoped they will always be giving or receiving the friendly greeting of their Irish ancestors of County Cork, Ireland. "CADE MILLE FOLTE"—"WELCOME A THOUSAND TIMES."

1. Andrew P. Fitzgerald & Margurite (Nickerman)
   Mary Catherine & Kenneth Mitchell
   Geraldine, Terry, Kevin
   Theodore & Nadine (Shiplov)
   Andrew, Kathleen
2. John U. Fitzgerald
3. Maurice E. Fitzgerald & Denise (Hoebeck)
   Timothy & Linda (Novotny)
   Timothy, Todd, Heather
4. Mary A. Fitzgerald & Henry Glissman
   John Thomas & Linda (Menesse)
   Susan, Nancy, Mary, Christine
5. Winifred V. Fitzgerald & Delmar Gast
   Mary Ellen & Walter Alexander
   Shawn, Jessica
   Joseph & Joyce (Shiplov)
   Amy, Thomas, Michael
6. Ann C. Fitzgerald & Mox Ruge
   Mark & Dawn (Duncan)
   Kimberly, Pamela, Gwendolyn, Suzanne, Mox, Dawn, Jacqueline, Bradley
   James
   Margaret
   Kathleen & Paul Scott
   Thomas & Shawn (Rosscup)
7. Thomas E. Fitzgerald & Linda (Ray)
   Thomas & Gisela (Sprenger)
   Thomas III
   Emmett & Christine (Larson)
   Emmett, Erin
   Glinda
8. Ellen M. Fitzgerald & John Casson
   Nancy
   Patricia
   Michael
   Michael
9. Joseph F. Fitzgerald

ESTELLA (EMERSON) AND FRANK FORTIER

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Fortier came to Hobart, Indiana the first Sun. of April 1959 to pastor the Hobart Assembly of God Church. The church had just been finished and dedicated the week before the Fortier's arrival. They resided in Hobart until March 7th 1966, their 30th wedding anniversary when they moved into a new home in South Haven where they still live.



Several years ago the mortgage was paid off on the church and plans were being made to relocate the church due to shortage of space and also parking space. On Sunday August 10th, 1975 the congregation met at the old church on 10th and State Sts. with Mayor Titus leading the caravan to the new church on Rt. 6 just west of Rt. 51.

Rev. Fortier was born in Elkhart, Indiana to a family in carnival and show business. At fourteen years of age after preparing also to go into show business he had his first visit to church and made a profession of faith and from that time on his sights were set on the ministry.

His wife, Estella was born in Burr Oak, Michigan and moved to Elkhart at the age of six. Her father was a Methodist minister.

The two met and a year and a half later were united in marriage. Along with Rev. Fortier's sister, Donna Mae (Fortier) Polachek the three formed a trio and played and sang in churches, camp meetings and revival meetings.

After ten years of marriage and no children the Fortier Family was playing in Marion, Indiana at a children's home when all three spotted a little girl who appealed to them and in less than two months they picked her up on a cold icy night, Christmas Eve to be exact and a year later adopted her legally. She was very small for her age and they thought she was about ten years old but found out later she was thirteen. She was also given music lessons and joined the family as they traveled around the country still in Evangelistic meetings.

Donna Mae had to finally drop out to take care of her baby and a year later the daughter had other interests and also dropped out.

The daughter finally married and has two daughters of her own and also an adopted daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. Fortier continued to travel but finally settled down to pastor a church in Ligonier, Ind. After a while they went back on the field and then took a church in Peru, Ind.

The Hobart Church is their third church. The Fortier's have also had quite a ministry with children. They are known as "Uncle Frank and Aunt Stella". They have conducted many children's camps and also made their appearances at schools. They are very much interested in young people and are responsible for young people being in the ministry and also missionaries.

We are both happy in the work we are doing even though it involves many hours a day and have adjusted to Porter County and surrounding areas and are always eager to visit folk in hospitals and sometimes even in the jails.

In closing we might add that the life in the ministry was entered into by choice. We both held good jobs in secular work but chose to serve God whenever and wherever He could use us and the greatest reward we will ever receive will be to hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servants enter into the joy of the Lord".

Submitted by Rev. and Mrs. Frank Fortier



SARAH MABEL FRYER (MRS. ERNEST) FOSTER

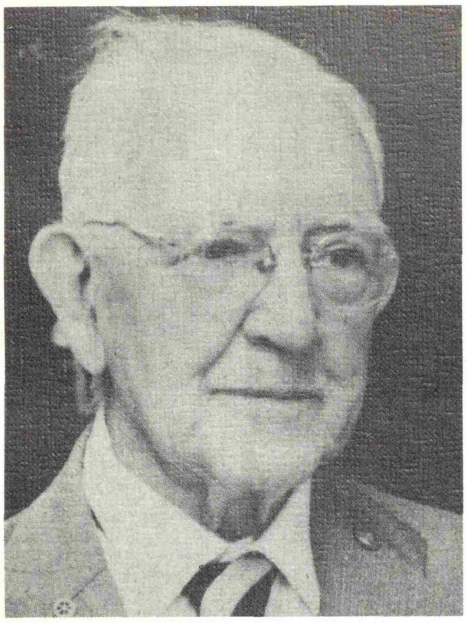
Mrs. Foster, known more commonly as Grandma Foster to even more people than her 19 grandchildren and at least 25 great-grandchildren, has roots that go back to 1856 in Porter County. Her grandparents, Robert Morrow Fryar and Sarah (Harris) Fryar were both born on June 17, 1833, in County Dorone, Ireland. In 1852 they emigrated, arriving in New York, From there they came westward, spending some time in Philadelphia and the state of Ohio. Continuing to press toward the frontier, their covered wagon carried them to Valparaiso in 1856. Their baby died of a fever during their stop here, and rather than have to think of their little one in a strange place resting in an untended grave, they determined to settle here. In 1862, the Union Army called her grandfather to defend his adopted country. He enlisted in the 73rd Indiana Infantry and served for three years, seeing action in several famous battles. In the "Battle Above The Clouds" at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, he was captured and suffered many hardships as a prisoner of the Confederacy. When the war ended, he returned to Valparaiso. In 1869 they purchased a farm in Porter County. They worked it until 1890, when they retired to a house in Valparaiso. It was known as the "House of Seven Gables" and was then on Greenwich Street. After their deaths, it was moved to its present location on Garfield Street. Their living children were William, Dallas, Nancy, Joseph, and Emma. Dallas was the father of Sarah Mabel, born in May 1893.

She and her three sisters were all school teachers. Her brothers had a variety of vocations. She was trained at Valparaiso University in 1911 and taught school for four years. In 1915 she married Ernest Foster. He had been born in Oakwood, Illinois in 1883. His family moved to northwest Indiana in 1904. In his youth he was strong as an ox, known around the area as a fun-loving young man who went to fairs to beat the traveling wrestlers and take home a prize. He was not above dropping a pinch of "itching powder" down a few open collars to entertain his friends. Never a drinker or brawler, his conversion to Christianity and subsequent irreproachable behavior as a husband, father, and leader of the Church of Christ was more or less a natural result of his honesty and energy when his attention was turned to the Bible. They settled on a farm and reared their family—Dallas, Lloyd, Kenneth, Betty, and Annabel—in Morgan Township.

After retiring from farming, they moved to Valparaiso and worked for the University. Later they took full retirement and lived north of town.

Now, as a widow, Grandma Foster lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Annabel and Harold Ailes in Morgan Township.

Mrs. Foster was a Charter Member of the Homemakers Club and is a member of the Church of Christ.



JOHN R. FRANK, M.D.

There is one situation that arises in the life of all of us over which none of us have any control. With the passage of time each and everyone gets older.

Perhaps many prefer not to be reminded of this eventuality, yet it is the inevitable order of human existense that there is no magic that can postpone the flight of time.

Today we want to pay tribute to the oldest living member of the local American Legion Post 94. He is also the oldest practicing physician in Porter County.

Dr. John Ray Frank was born in 1888, and Thursday he will observe his 87th birthday. He is native Hoosier originally from Harrison County. Corydon, the first capital of Indiana, is its county seat. His German ancestors first settled in North Carolina, but, like many immigrants, drifted westward and by the time John Ray arrived his parents were farmers in southern Indiana.

After attending public schools in that vicinity, he attained a high school diploma from Central Normal College, then in Danville, in 1908. After an additional year in this school, he began teaching in a country school having 40 pupils for $50 a month.

About a year later he accepted a position to teach in a high school in Rockfield in Carroll County, where he received $100 a month, which was an exceptional salary for teachers in those days.

By 1913 he had saved enough money to begin his medical education at Indiana University. (He later borrowed some to complete his courses even though he waited tables and slept in a funeral parlor for his room during his last few years.)

In 1917, along with 38 others, he was awarded his M.D. degree. This was the largest class in Medicine that I.U. had ever graduated at that time.

Of course, World War I was going on at that time and he received his greetings, so he entered the Navy. He was with the Marines and, for a time, was stationed in Cuba. Afterwards he was placed on a ship as the only medical officer for service until the war ended.

Following his discharge, he attended the Boston Psychopathic Hospital for special study for 15 months and then served as a doctor in the New Jersey State Hospital for one year. The next year he spent at the New York Neurological Institute as a student and doctor for some additional training and experience before going to Los Angeles to start a private practice.

By 1928 he suddenly decided that he preferred to go to New Orleans, where there was an opportunity for the study and practice of becoming an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. In 1930, he came to Valparaiso, where he has remained ever since. In 1932 he married Miss Agnes Webb, who died of a coronary illness in 1968.

There are two children in the Frank family, Phyllis and Tom. Dr. Frank proudly announced that he has five grandchildren, but only one grandson and the latter had plans to follow in grandad's footsteps.

Dr. Frank has been a member of the Rotary Club for many years and has always been a member of the American Legion wherever he happened to be living. In 1967 it was the good fortune of this columnist to be requested to grant him an award for his 50 years of Masonic service.

He feels that the earlier family relationship between the old time country doctor and his patients has changed considerably since he began practice. With all the constantly increasing discoveries, it was probably essential that the medical profession had to become one of specialization.

During the last several years he has not been as active as in his earlier days, but still grants attention when called upon for service. He gives much time to his farm near Hebron and takes great delight in growing grain and seeing the cattle cared for by his tenant.

When asked about the longevity of life, he answered that it was probably partly hereditary and yet constant care, correct dieting and the avoidance of cumulative duties that confront all people in all professions has much to do with the continuation of good health.

WILLIAM FRANK

Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Frank of Route five, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Bill was born and educated in McLean County, North Dakota. He served in World War II from April 19, 1941 to August 13, 1945 and was honorably discharged. He married Eleanor Lorenz, a registered nurse, of rural Valparaiso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Lorenz. Bill is employed as a machinist in McGill Mfg. Co. They have three children Susan (Mrs. Ron Montania), William Lorenz, and John Edward. Faith Memorial Lutheran Church is their church home.

RUSSELL FRANZMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Franzman have resided in Hebron for twenty-five years. Mr. Franzman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Franzman of Cannelton, Indiana, first came to this area in 1949 to accept a position with the *Porter County Herald* where he is still employed as the manager. Mrs. Franzman, the former Phyllis Minniear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Minniear of Markle, Indiana, also settled in Hebron in 1949 accepting a teaching position with the Boone Township school system. She is still employed as a Spanish and English teacher in the Hebron High School.

They have one son, Russell Hampton Franzman, who was born on February 1, 1957, was graduated from Hebron High School, and has matriculated at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. Franzman served as the Boone Township Trustee from 1959 to 1963. The Franzmans are members of the United Methodist Church and the St. Michael Lutheran Church of Hebron.

SOLON FRENCH

WHY did we live in Porter County? According to family stories my great grandfather Solon French was the first white baby born in what is known as Porter County? Vidette - Messenger stories state a Bailly to be the first. I do not know which is true. At least, Solon French was one of the first. He was a great man; he built cabinets—just more or less as a hobby plus for use in their home. He farmed. He was like a lawyer—many people came to him for legal advise. Then he had a son Burton French who had a son Glenn French who married Ruth Riley, all of Union Township (Solon lived in Valparaiso). On June 4, 1920 Glenn and Ruth French had a daughter Phyllis who went all 12 years to Wheeler School. Ethel Ruth was her first teacher and Miss Ruth had also taught Glenn French. Phyllis graduated from Gary Business College and was secretary for architects, attorney's and then met Robert E. Stout from Medaryville and they married. He was in construction work on State Road 30 west of Valparaiso. We married and moved to Union Mills where Robert worked at Kingsbury Ordinance Plant for 1½ years until he was drafted into World War II. We had a daughter shortly after he went to the war—Roberta Dawn Stout. (Phyllis & Roberta are only children) Robert returned after 3 yrs. of service and continued in construction business self-employed. Roberta got her grade school at Wheeler and high school at American School in Chicago. She graduated from Famous Artist School in Westport, Connecticut. She is a well-known local artist, a member of Gary Artist League, shows in many local art exhibits, had the feature painting in Gary Artist League show in 1975, shows at Amish Acres in Nappanne, Indiana; Frankfort, Ill. Gay Nineties Festival annually, and has studied under several well-known teachers of art. She has a number of ribbons in her oil paintings, watercolor, and sculpture work. She also does pen and ink, pencil drawings, etc. Stout's live on a very small acreage but live close to the land—grind some of their own flour and do many of the early American ways. We do our own baking from scratch, composing some of our own recipes and have won recipe contests. We make our own yogurt for example. We do a lot of needlework—crocheting knitting, rya weaving, sewing, embroidery work, etc. We love the Lord and are associated with Faith Baptist Church. Our daughter Roberta plays piano, organ, accordion, guitar, sings alto and I sing soprano and we love to sing duets in hymns. Roberta has written the music to several new hymns.

Robert has retired from construction work but still does the farming and gardening.

EUGENE FROBERG

Eugene Froberg, the eldest of three sons born to Mr. and Mrs. John Froberg, was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 23, 1910. John and Christina Froberg came from Sweden at a young age in 1899 and were married in Chicago, Illinois on December 25, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Froberg became the parents of Eugene, Chester, and Lawrence.

Eugene and his parents moved to Chesterton, Indiana in 1911. He attended Valparaiso High School and Purdue University. He was engaged in farming with his father in Porter County until 1934. After that time he farmed a grain and beef cattle farm in Beecher, Illinois. From 1937-1940, Eugene worked in the Open Hearth of the U.S. Steel Mills in Gary, Indiana. While he was working there he started his career of selling Hinman milking machines and later added the Badger Northland specialty line of farm machinery of which he was a distributor. He remained in these two lines until 1970 or 33 years of selling until he was forced to give up the road travel due to losing much of his eye sight from a dynamite accident on one of his farms in LaPorte County.

Submitted by Eugene Froberg

THE FRY FAMILY

The Fry family has lived in Porter County, Indiana for 129 years.

John Frey, now spelled Fry, was born in September 30, 1792, and his wife, Hannah Meeker Fry, left their home in Linesville, Pennsylvania, with their nine children to journey farther west. They traveled the old Joliet Road through Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, reaching McHenry County, Ill. in September, 1846. All became ill with malaria, so they turned back to the prairie lands of Indiana.

At Valparaiso, John was so ill they had to discontinue their journey. The kindly western frontiersman lent a helping hand, but in spite of their aid, John died November 17, 1846. His widow and children, through the influence of James Williams, were helped to secure land grants and soon became independent.

Descendants, Kenneth Fry and his nephew, Lester Fry still reside on and farm a part of the original grant 3½ miles east of Hebron.

Of the nine children of John and Hannah Fry, descendants of four of them still live in Porter County. To the best of our knowledge, this is a list of them:

1. Descendants of Barbara Fry Lawson
   Ray Alyea and Family, Hebron
   Paul Alyea and family, Hebron
   Janet Sheetz and family, Hebron
   Wilma Antrim Leach and family, Valpo.
   Edna Antrim Poisel and family, Hebron
2. Descendants of Hannah Jane Fry Sweeney
   Clara Lawrence, Hebron
   John Sweeney and family, Hebron
   Marlene Morrow and family, Hebron
3. Descendants of William Fry
   Carl Dilley, Hebron
   Lois Hoagland and family, Hebron
   Gerald Fry, Hebron
   Wayne Fry and family, Hebron
   William Sweney and family, Hebron
   Elizabeth Cletcher and family, Valparaiso
4. Descendants of Nathan Fry
   Kathryn Wiltfong and family, Hebron
   Donald Fry and family, Hebron
   Kenneth Fry, Hebron
   Lester Fry, Hebron
   Elizabeth Regan and family, Hebron
   DeWitt Fry, Valparaiso

Sincerely yours,
Kathryn Wiltfong
Hebron, IN
Elizabeth Regan
Hebron, IN

HERSHEL FURNESS

HERSCHEL FURNESS—born January 1896, son of Albert and Jane (Malone) Furness. Married Lena Vetterley, now deceased. They were parents of ten children—Lester, Donald, Gordon, Loren, Lois Johnson, Audrey Buss, Rosemary Braginton, Dorothy Dunn, Betty Ambrose, and Patricia Smith. He is a lifelong resident of Pine Township, his family coming to Porter County from Maine in the 1850's. He comes from a seafaring family, several of his ancestors were actively engaged in the American Revolution, one having donated a ship to the cause. He traces his family back to the 1600's in New England. He is now a retired farmer. Active in the Farm Bureau for many years, he now holds a life-time membership in that organization. Prior to 1967 he served as a member of the Pine Township Advisory Board for many years.

LESTER H. FURNESS

LESTER H. FURNESS, born Nov. 4, 1916, a lifetime resident of Pine Township, Porter County. He is the eldest son of Hershel and Lena (Vetterley) Furness. He is married to the former Janet Barfknecht of Michigan City.

He is the father of 5 children, namely Clayton, Douglas, Jeffrey, Mrs. Richard Niemiec, and Mrs. Terrence Kolasa, all living in this vicinity. Served in World War II in the North Africa-Italy area, has been employed as an Operating Engineer for more than 30 years, and is currently working for American Bridge Co., in Gary, Indiana. He was elected Trustee of Pine Township in 1967, and is currently serving his third term in that office.

He is a member of the Pine Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Pine Township Farm Bureau, and is a member of the M. C. Area Schools Holding Corporation. He and his family are members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Michigan City.

Mrs. Furness handles the clerical work for the Trustee's office, as well as being a Deputy Assessor for the Township.

LOIS M. GUANT (GANT)

Born July 5, 1907 at E. Union Street, Valparaiso. Parents: Professor P. A. Gant born March 15, 1869 (or 66) at Knimen, IN; died June 5, 1952. For 20 years—until 1918, professor of sight singing, ear training and voice at Valparaiso, IN. Owned his own school of piano tuning in Kansas until 1924; returned to Valparaiso and established a circuit for tuning pianos, personally, in and around Valparaiso. Anna Marie E. Gant, nee Hagen, born November 27, 1877; died April 25, 1948. Attended school at Valparaiso University and normal school in Chicago. Taught school in a little schoolhouse on what is now highway 30, west of Boiling Springs about ¼ mile and taught kindergarten in city school under Mrs. Hemstock; author of novel PSYCHIC CRISIS and 2 books of poems, MESSAGES AND MEMOIRS and a book of poems about the university.

P. A.'s parents were Noah M. Gant and Caroline C. Gant, whose parents came to Indiana from Kentucky.

Anna's parents were Herman Hagen, Sr. who came from Germany at age 28, and Margaret Elizabeth Hagen, nee Durner, who was born in Castle Gardens, 1 hour after her mother landed in this country.

Anna's parents settled in the 1860's in what is now Center Township, on the old Tower Road, midway between what is now highway 130 and old highway 30. She attended the old Leonard School, located on the old Tower Road and old 30. Her brothers were Herman, Jr.; Otto and Arthur and sister Clara Foster Phillips.

P.A.'s parents lived between DeMotte and Rensselaer on what is now highway 8 at Gant's corners. His brothers were Jerome, Marion, Frank, John and Leuel S., his sisters were Jennie (Martha Jane) and Frances (Francini).

Lois was a tutor of voice and piano, attended Valparaiso University for 2½ years. Married, first Edward Briese of Port Washington, Wis.—2 children, Elizabeth June Chester, nee Briese and Joseph Gant Briese; married second Frank Grasse of Park Falls, Wis.—1 child, Francis Otto. Lois also sang for social events, weddings, funerals and memorial services, and was on the road in vaudeville as accompanist and singer for a Spanish Dancing team. No clubs or other affiliations except now, R.S.V.P. member, work 3 days a week at Historical Society Museum and spend one day a week at the Willows. Residence Rt. 13, Box 41, Valparaiso.

CLARENCE ALBERT GARRIOTT

Clarence Albert Garriott was born at Crothersville, Jackson Co. in southern Indiana on Oct. 3, 1890. He moved with his parents, Emery and Mary Ellen Jones Garriott and family when quite young to Jasper Co. Indiana where he later married Addie Fern Casey, daughter of George W. and Frances Ellen (Keener) Casey.

Clarence and his wife moved in the year 1918 to Porter Co. in Washington Twp. on a farm owned by W. E. Pinney who was also president of the First State Bank of Valparaiso. All of the buildings were new when they moved on the farm.

The following year Clarence, Ferne and family moved to Morgan Township on a 240 acre farm owned by John Mayotte of Watseka, Illinois. While living here they had Jersey cows and sold cream to Home Ice Co.; now Brown's Dairy and also Clarence was the owner of beautiful Black Percheron horses which he raised and sold. He exhibited his Percherons at the Crown Point Fair and our local Porter County Fair, winning Grand Champion and champion ribbons and honors. They rented this farm until 1935 and that year they moved on an adjoining farm which they had purchased. This farm was formerly known as the Henry Stoner farm, also a 240 acre farm. Henry Stoner was the father of Dr. G. H. Stoner, a Valparaiso doctor for many years.

The farm was nearly enclosed with hedge and Clarence, his son Delos, and hired help pulled all the hedge and straight wood was saved and used for fence posts to soon fence the farm and many improvements were made. New farm buildings were built, it was a dairy farm for several years and Black Angus and Hereford cattle were fed. The original large frame house was destroyed by fire in February 1958 and with the help of good neighbors the debris was soon removed. A new brick ranch type house was erected that spring on the identical spot the other house was.

Clarence and Ferne were the parents of three children, Virginia Ellen, now Mrs. John W. Ludington of Valparaiso, Clarence Delos, who passed away Dec. 20, 1964, and Doris Kathryn Courtney of Chicago.

Clarence is a past 50 year member of Porter Co. Farm Bureau. His wife, Ferne, passed away Nov. 2, 1969. She was a member of Christian Church, Prairie Country Club and Neighborhood Club. They were one of the fortunate couples who could celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Ferne was also a member of the Homemakers Club of Morgan Township.

JUNE L. GIANIS

June L. Gianis is the daughter of Lydia Lenius Westbay and Goodwin M. Westbay whose parents, Jerusha Williams Westbay and Leander Westbay, came from Lake Co., Ind. to a farm in Porter Twp., Porter Co. in 1898. In 1919 June was born on that farm on CR100S. She went to first grade at Kenworthy School. Locally, the school was known as Mud Lake School. It was a one room red brick school on a hill above Mud Lake. Later the bricks were used for Wixson's chicken house which is still being used. June liked school and the teacher so much that she decided on the first day of school to become a teacher. In later years she taught at Morgan Twp. School with her former first grade teacher (Mrs. Joseph) Hazel Brown, who later taught in Valparaiso for many years. June and her brother Lee and sisters Juanita and Eileen attended Columbia, Gardner, Banta and Central Jr. High Schools. June was graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1937. She received her teaching license after completing two years at Central Normal College. She earned a B.S. from Manchester College in 1962, the same year her son Robert graduated from Boone Grove High School. She earned a M.S. from Indiana University in 1967. June has taught 30 years—23 at Boone Grove, 27 in Porter County. In 1942 she was married to H. Eugene Phillips. They have two children, Robert E. Phillips and (Mrs. Dennis) Anita Wallace. Both families live in Porter Co. Robert works at McGills. He and his wife Judy Pauley of Milwaukee have a daughter Cindy, 7 years old, and a son Dale who is 5. Anita works at Lowenstines. She has a daughter Bobbie Lynne who is 6. In 1969 June was married to William J. Gianis of Chicago. He is now a letter carrier in Valparaiso. June is active in Fine Art Dept. of Woman's Club, William Henry Harrison Chapter D. A. R. (has held all offices), Salem United Methodist Church of RR 1, Hebron, in United Teacher's Organization, Boone Grove P. T. O. and the International Reading Association.

LISA GINGERICH

My name is Lisa Gingerich, I am eleven years old. I have one sister Kendra, who is 13 years old. I also have one brother, Brent, he is 15. My mother's name is Claramae she is 31. She works with my Aunt Lina at Lina's Bridal Shop. My dad's name is Don he is also 31. He has a company for Standard Oil. He also drives bus #5 for Kouts schools. Also my mom and dad and my uncle Roland Good are the Hopewell Singers. My uncle (Roland Good) is employed at McGills. Also his wife Janet (my aunt) works at the Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Co. I also have a Grandma and Grandpa, Joe and Ada Gingerich that live up in town. My grandpa (Joe Gingerich) worked for 34 years as a janitor at Kouts school, he retired in 75. My family has lived in Kouts all our lives, because my father has a real good job. My father has gained 3 very good jobs since then. My sister and I twirled baton in the Memorial Day parade. My brother played his coronet in the parade. He plays in all the parades. Our family lived in Kouts out in the country where it was quiet—3 or 4 neighbors.

Now our house is surrounded with houses. I have 7 cats and 1 dog. The dogs name is Nappy (Napoleon). My cats names are Samantha, Glenda, Tigger, Mittens, Tootsie, Smokye and Bubbles. I also have a puppy George. I play flute in the Kouts band. I enjoy it very much, it's fun. My best friends are Shelly Sitzman, Julie Vollrath, Susan Gant and Jeannie Nuest. I also love school, spelling and reading are my favorite subjects. I like spelling best.

LUELLA HELEN DAUMER AND EVERETT HARRY GLANCY

Everett Harry Glancy was born July 20, 1912 in Westville, Indiana to Loie Thomas Glancy and Richard Glancy. His mother was from Westville, Indiana, and his father from LaPorte, Indiana.

Luella Helen Daumer was born December 7, 1914 in Hammond, Indiana, to Charles Herman Daumer and Rose Bick Daumer. Her father was from the Hammond, Indiana area, and her mother was born in New Buffalo, Michigan.

They were married June 9, 1934 in Hammond, Indiana and resided there until November, 1940 when they moved to a small house in Liberty Township, Porter County, Indiana. In 1943, they moved to a larger home and the following March moved to a farm again in Liberty Township. They resided there until 1948 when, during that summer, they again moved to a different location within the township and built a home where they presently reside.

Three children were born from this marriage including: Thomas James — July 21, 1936; Jack Lee—July 9, 1937; and Cheryl Lynn—August 17, 1949.

Everett retired in 1975 from his former occupation as an insurance agent.

Luella was employed for over 11 years as secretary to the Athletic Director of Valparaiso University until February, 1966 when she joined the administration staff at the Duneland School Corporation where she is still actively employed.

CAROL FRANCES KRAUSE GLANCY AND THOMAS JAMES GLANCY

Carol Frances Krause Glancy was born May 6, 1939 to Dorothy M. Bolles Krause and Carl Albert Otto Krause. Her mother is from Lockport, Illinois and is a descendant of the Tupper family which was one of the founding families of Sandwich, Massachusetts.

Her father is from Knox, Indiana.

Thomas James Glancy was born July 21, 1936 to Luella Helen Daumer Glancy and Everett Harry Glancy. His mother was born in Hammond, Indiana, and his father was from Westville, Indiana.

They were married June 14, 1958 in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Porter, Indiana. They resided in Jackson Township

until the summer of 1959 when they moved to the Furnessville area. Thomas worked as a cost accountant for the Budd Company in Gary, Indiana. In July, 1961 they moved to Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin where he took employment as a field auditor for Consolidated Papers of Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

In November, 1964 they returned to Liberty Township in Porter County where he took employment as the general manager for Calumet Propane Gas Company in Gary, Indiana.

In 1965, he took a position with the Calumet Publishing Company as controller. A year later he was promoted to treasurer and added the title of Vice-President in 1967. The company merged with Panax Corporation from East Lansing, Michigan in October 1972 and changed its name to Panax Publishing Company. In November 1974 the family moved to a new home in Jackson Township. A year later in November, 1975 Thomas was given the additional title of general manager of the Panax Publishing Newspaper Division.

Three children came of this union: Laura Marie — January 20, 1960 in Gary, Indiana, and Leslie Ann and Lisa Ann on May 11, 1962 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Thomas is a graduate of Liberty Center High School and Indiana University where he majored in Accounting and minored in Journalism and English. He is listed in Who's Who in the Midwest and Who's Who in the United States.

Carol is a graduate of Jackson Township High School and has the distinction of having graduated with the smallest class ever from that school, totaling only five students.

She and her mother are making plans to attend the Tupper reunion in Sandwich, Massachusetts in September, 1976.

Together they formed Hoosier Publications, Inc. in 1968. This company publishes Hoosier Outdoors Magazine which is the largest circulated outdoor publication in the state of Indiana. Both are actively involved in the writing field and have contributed articles to several regional and national publications.

RITA GOOD

My name is Rita Good. I have 7 people in my family. I am in fifth grade. I'm ten years old. I was born February twenty-sixth. I have three sisters and one brother and me.

(Father) James Arthur Good he's 37. (Mother) Lara Mae Good she's 35. Pamela Faye Good she's 11. (Me) Rita Sue Good I'm 10. Rodney James Good he's 9. Soya Kay Good she's 7. Krista Lynn Good she's 4.

My dad lived in Porter County when he was a boy. My dad met my mom's brother in service. My sister Pam was born in service.

GOTT, RICHARD, CONSTANCE AND SONYA

Residence, 811 E. Chicago Street, Valparaiso.

Richard Harlan Gott was born in Valparaiso to Harlan Gott and Anne Wilson Gott on December 16, 1947. Dick attended Valparaiso schools, served in the U.S. Navy and on the Valparaiso Police Department. He is now employed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Constance Rae was born to James B. Dean and Dolores Johnson Dean in Valparaiso on November 8, 1949. She attended Valparaiso schools and Indiana University in Bloomington.

Dick and Connie were married on May 30, 1971. Sonya Rae Gott was born to them on September 6, 1972.

JAMES GRAVES

My name is James Graves. There are five people in my family. My dad Lewis is 32. He works for Good and Sons Construction Company. My mom Mary is 34, she is a housewife. My sister Gail is 9. My brother Donnie is 5 and I am 11. We all go to Kouts School.

We used to live in Lakewood, Colorado. While we lived in Colorado we enjoyed camping and hiking in the Rocky Mountains. My dad ran out of work there, so we moved to Kouts, Indiana.

My mom's parents live in North Judson, Indiana. My dad's parents live in Walton, Kansas. My ancestors lived in Russia, then Germany and finally they moved to Kansas in 1875, and started a settlement. Now all that is left are the ruins of a school house and a cemetery where my great, great, great grandfather is buried.

My family and I have lived in Porter County for 10 months. Since we now live in the country, I don't think I would enjoy living in a big city again.



GUST GRIEGER

When Gust H. Grieger, the son of Emil and Amelia (nee Krueger) Grieger was married to Gusta L. Mohlke, the daughter of August and Augusta (nee Schmidt) Mohlke of La Porte County on December 26, 1907, they bought the Massom farm in Morgan Township. They lived here all their lives and celebrated their 50th anniversary at the REMC hall in Wanatah in December of 1957. On November 22, 1958 Mr. Grieger passed away at the Porter Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Grieger remained on the farm until January 22, 1970 when she became ill and was taken to the Valparaiso hospital and later to Whispering Pines where she has been ever since.

During Mr. Grieger's lifetime he was a grain and dairy farmer. He was active in politics and was a staunch Republican. He served on the advisory board in Morgan Township several years. He also was on the board of directors many years for the South Wanatah Grain and Elevator Company. Many times he was called for jury duty. Therefore he led a busy and active life.

To this union was born a daughter, Melba, who later married Andrew Lenz of Hammond where they lived until 1972 when Mr. Lenz retired from Sin-

clair, now Arco Oil Company after 38 years of service. Mrs. Lenz was active in the Valparaiso University Guild, she served as president of that organization in Hammond. They later moved out to the old homestead with the Grieger's son, Elmer G. Grieger, and his wife, Helen Warren, of Medaryville. They have lived in Hammond, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin. He was retired from the Shell Oil Company in 1971 after 36 years of service. He was a baseball pitcher for the Valparaiso Pontiacs and for Shell in the Industrial League of Hammond. He later did play some professional baseball. At the present time the retirees are taking care of Mrs. Grieger's farm and living in the remodeled house that is about 75 years old.

In the early years the roads were all dirt roads—now most of them are gravel but really need to be blacktopped as the dust does pollute the air just terrible. The Gust Griegers traveled by a horse driven surry to San Pierre, LaPorte, Valpo, Wanatah and Hanna. Even the school bus was pulled by horses. This had a little wood burning stove under the wagon with a chimney up the side of the bus. The children were bussed to the old Schroeder School. (This was later bought and torn down by Ernst Mohlke and he built the now Ford garage and living space in Wanatah from the lumber.) The children were later picked up by a motorized bus and taken to the Morgan school on Route 49 near Malden.

Mr. Grieger often told about when someone died years ago the corpse would be brought to the family home and a big wreath placed on the front door. Then each evening four or five men would sit up all night with the body. That was the custom in those times.

There were many warm friends and neighbors in this area and they often gathered in homes for quilting bees, feather stripping parties, dances and card parties. Later there were so many people who came to the dances that they went to the large barns for round and square dancing. Music was often furnished by Ed. Schultz with his violin, George Gloff of Clinton Township played the dulcimer and Mr. Dinse played the accordian. Everyone had a good time —including a lunch.

In 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Gust Grieger were the first prize winners for the neatest farm of the Pure Milk Association and won a wonderful trip to Florida. They also held open house and people came from far and near. The first and very distinguished visitor was the late Governor Schricker, a resident of Knox. This was one of the biggest thrills of the Griegers' lives.

During the winter the men would cut trees down—the good ones were sawed into lumber at a saw mill and the poor ones would be buzzed by a group of men to be used for wood during the cold days. The lumber in the Griegers' barn was of oak trees cut out of his woods. Of course the siding he bought. The barn is in good condition yet, it was built in 1928.

When the men had time and the first snow fell they would go fox and wolf hunting. Many of them also trapped along the creeks. This gave them extra money as they would skin and stretch the hides and sell them. These men often went fishing down to the Kankakee River and camped a couple of nights. They used to bring back tubs of fish, but now it doesn't seem so good.

Most of the farmers farmed 150 to 200 acres of land and with horse drawn implements. They made a good living then. Now they need to farm a lot more acres. One of the biggest jobs was thrashing. After the oats, wheat and rye were cut and tied into bundles by a binder and set into shocks by hand to dry then would come the thrashing. About 20 or 25 men would gather at one place to do the work and the women would get together and cook a big dinner. That was a job and you never saw so much food. Those men could really eat because they worked hard. Those were the good old days. Mrs. Grieger often speaks about these big meals that she cooked and helped cook. She enjoyed that as she enjoyed the many years on the farm. She always liked to have her grandsons and one granddaughter spend a few days with her. She now has seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. They visit her frequently at Whispering Pines where she has been for over five years. All the girls working there have been so good to her and she has had excellent care. They have brought her out of many sick spells and she is in fairly good health yet. Thanks to them!

THE GUSTAFSONS OF PORTER COUNTY

More than one hundred years ago in the rural area of Sweden near Goteborg there was a very disturbed young man: Nils Peter Gustafson. Here he was almost forty years of age with a wife and eight children with what seemed a very dull future before him. He was a farmer but there was little chance of his ever owning his own farm due to the land purchasing system then in use in Sweden. Besides, poor crops were plaguing the farmers. Reports coming from America were so bright. Government land was to be had. And hadn't America been good to his brother, Adolph? Adolph had arrived in Chesterton, Indiana in 1857 where he taught school. At Bailly Town he helped build the first church and served as its pastor. Besides this he farmed the Fred Linderman farm just south of Chesterton. Later he had a store in town. He married and raised a family of fourteen children. He stumped the country for Abraham Lincoln and organized the Scandinavian Clubs to support him. Later Adolph served in the 73rd Indiana Volunteers in the Civil War.

With such reliable first-hand reports, Nils decided to try his luck in America near his brother. Naturally his wife's people heartily disapproved of this move but to no avail. Another obstacle was in store for Nils and his family. In converting his Swedish money to American, Nils was short changed. So instead of the whole family sailing together to the new land, Nils and the four older children (Andrew 11, John 10, Christina 9 and Charles 7) arrived in New York on August 24, 1868 leaving his wife, Anna Louise, and the four younger children (Mary 7, Adolph 5, Anna 3 and Clara 1) to come later.

Nils worked and sent passage money for the rest of his family. During the voyage little Anna became very ill—so ill that her mother held her most all of the time for fear the sailors would think the little girl was dead and would bury her at sea.

Supplies ran low on the long trip. Adolph with his little pail could always get extra water rations for the family since the sailors found him cute and amusing and would give him more.

America proved to be a great disap-



pointment to Anna Louise since she ended up living in her brother-in-law's *granary*. This first home in America was a far cry from her dream of a country whose streets were "paved with gold." She died broken hearted after a few short years in the new land. This left young Christina to mother the growing children.

Soon a young lad, "Hod" Babcock, came courting Christina. He came from Babcock Station just down the B & O tracks to the farm Nils had bought for himself and his son John. (In later years John's son Edward would live here so that the land is now known as the Ed Gustafson farm.)

Hod farmed and then tried homesteading in Kansas. Heat, insects, and water shortage caused him to return to Indiana. He settled in Porter where he was a contractor who moved buildings. He moved the first building iinto Gary —a small railroad office. He also moved buildings for Frances Howe who was a descendant of Joseph Bailly. Bailly—the first white pioneer of the area—had established the Bailly homestead in the early 1820s.

Two of Hod and Christina's children died in infancy. Those that lived numbered nine: Virgil, Roy, Charles, Loyal, Camilla, Dean, Winona, Dewey and Wayne.

Andrew Gustafson married Hod's sister, Lenore Babcock. They farmed the land on the corner just north of the present Dewey Babcock farm. Andrew and Lenore had two girls: Frances and Inez, and three sons: William, Art and George. Lenore died and Frances was now the 'mother'. Later Andrew married a widow, Olia Carlson. They moved to the 300 block on Greenwich Street in Valparaiso where they ran a rooming house for the Valparaiso University students. Oliva's daughter lived with them. Later they had a daughter, Althea.

In those days there was little work for young men except farming, so John Gustafson went to work for a young widow, Laurie (Stauffer) Robbins who lived in the house on the corner of Robbins Road and Highway 149 with her daughter, Olive. John later married Laurie and they had two children—Edward and Blanche. After John died his brother, Adolph, helped Laurie farm and there he met Inez McConkey, teacher of the Robbins School who boarded with Laurie. They were married and for many years farmed the "Od" Gustafson farm south of Valparaiso. They had three sons: Robert and two who died in infancy.

Charles became a railroad man and lived in Port Huron. He lost his hand in an accident on the railroad. He married Elizabeth Mitchell. They had no children.

Mary Gustafson went to work on the Morgan farm. The Morgans were pioneers who settled east of Chesterton—the original name of which was Morgantown. From the buildings and school house still standing, we know that they were a very prosperous family. Mary must have been a diligent, responsible person for she worked in the 'main' house.

On this same farm a young neighbor, Willard Friday, worked. Willard and Mary met here and were soon married. They lived on the Friday farm where several children were born to them with only Grace and Russell growing to adulthood. Russell lived with his father until the father's death. (Willard had been born on this farm, lived there all his life and died there at the age of ninety.) Russell then farmed alone.

Anna was only six when her mother died, so she lived with a brother until she was ten. Then she went to work on a farm where she would be furnished board, clothes and six months of school. After several years she worked for John Eglin west of Valparaiso. For five years of service she was to receive a cow and a set of dishes. When she was seventeen, she got the cow, the dishes *and* a husband, Frank, John Eglin's son. Anna and Frank lived with the Eglins because John was blind. They had several children but Marchie and Tracy were the only ones to live to adulthood.

For many years Marchie lived in the East with her former pastor and his family. Tracy was a very conscientious night policeman for the city of Valparaiso. He often boasted that he was the one who discovered the courthouse fire.

After Frank and Anna Eglin moved to Valparaiso, they ran an ice cream store and later, a hitch barn which was a block-long building across the street from the present Post Office. Due to the weight of snow from a severe storm the roof collapsed. Marchie and her father ran a neighborhood store on the corner of Lincolnway and Napoleon Street.

Clara Gustafson died in infancy and Emma Gustafson—the only one of Nils' children to be born in America—died at the age of twenty.

Nils Gustafson lived alone in later years in a comfortable little cabin and died at age 58 from a heart attack.

It was too bad that Nils and Anna Gustafson could not have lived to see their descendants thrive in this new land, becoming successful farmers, fine homemakers, good teachers, skilled mechanics, wise business men and outstanding military people. They would have been proud to see them helping to build a strong America.



MRS. KATHRYN HALL

Mrs. Kathryn Hall, 87, a Flint Lake area resident, was born in Apalachicola, Fla. Her father was a British sea captain who was murdered at sea by pirates six months before she was born. She grew up on her mother's family plantation in a southern aristocratic atmosphere.

Mrs. Hall received an artist's diploma from the Juilliard School of Music. Her husband died when her son Wallace W. 'Jack' Hall was four years old, after which time she took a secretarial job and continued her study in music. Jack was nine when she gave a graduating recital. She is the proud grandparent of Larry, who is married and living in Danville, Ill., David and Richard. Recently she was made a great-grandmother by the birth of a baby girl.

She is an accomplished pianist, formerly an operatic star with the Boston English Opera Co., and is a composer. She was certified as a school music supervisor and was on the Florida State University's faculty for 18 years.

Mrs. Hall still teaches piano and has 16 pupils. She has been active in the Senior Citizens' Club and in the Action program of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Children she assists in reading at Central Elementary School call her grandmother.

A collection of memoirs and programs of her recitals are kept in scrapbooks. Hymns as well as a concerto she composed. The concerto took four years of work.

CATHERINE HALLWELL

My name is Catherine Hallwell, I'm 10 years of age and also in the 6th grade. I have three brothers and three sisters. Their names are, Susan, 23 years of age, studying for a teaching degree at Ball State University. John, 21 years of age, studying Biology at Florida State. Lisa, 21 years of age, married, lives in Valpo. She also works. Mary, 18 years of age, got her diploma in 1975 at Kouts High School. Mike, 17 years of age, 12th grade at Kouts High School. Pat, 12 years of age, in the 7th grade at Kouts High also.

We are renting a small house in Wheatfield and we wanted a bigger house so we bought this house that we live in now. I'm in Girl Scouts.

THE HAMANN FAMILY AND S. E., PORTER COUNTY SETTLEMENT

Frederick Carl Hamann (1839-1921) left home—his oldest brother's inheritance—after his required years in the German army and came to America just after the Civil War. After a few years in Chicago he quit his job at a meat packing plant and became a farmhand for a man who sold cattle and hogs.

Hamann was interested in owning land and having his own stock farm; and when he heard about a German settlement in northern Indiana where land was cheap, he came to LaPorte. There he met the Johann Hillman family at the Lutheran Church and soon was courting a brown-eyed black-haired girl. When she refused marriage this 31 year old blond with a sandy cropped beard and blue eyes promptly persuaded her twin sister, Sophia Hillmann (1839-1910), to marry him (1870). He bought a lot with a small house and stabled his horse in the lean-to woodshed. Soon 10 acres were purchased near LaPorte which he tilled with his one-horse walking plow, a drag made of boards driven through with old rail spikes, a single-row hand corn-planter plus hand tools, to produce the family vegetables and corn for his horse and two pigs. For income he continued as a farmhand and pruned hedge fences, fruit trees, and bushes.

A few years later the LaPorte properties were traded for 40 acres in the southwest corner of LaPorte County—rich upland, virgin woods and marsh bordering the Kankakee. With frugal living, long hours of hard hand labor in the fields by all the family, and raising cattle, sheep, and hogs, chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys, land purchases were increased to 600 acres, including 160 A. in S.E. Porter County. Gradually additions were made to the original 2-room house with a pantry and a summer kitchen until it became a stately 8-room 2-story white house with two long porches. A tool house, granary, chicken house and corncribs were built. The log barn was displaced with a 45-foot red barn which housed 8 horses, 2 colt or calf pens, a 3-horse binder, a 2-horse cornplanter and hay mower, and a fringed-top surrey.

Hamann was civic minded. As soon as his citizenship was established he registered as a Republican. He once remarked that Democrats were like kittens that didn't have their eyes open yet. He, with his team and road scraper, and the neighbors (Heimberg, Miller, Stowell, Fluallen, Kellerman and Smith) ditched up the first east and west roadbed (c.r. 1300 s) and built the first one-room eight-grade schoolhouse in south Pleasant Twp. (Stowell, 1880) so that their children would have a place to receive education. In 1904-5, with a few other influential men, Hamann petitioned State sanction for dredging the Kankakee River to straighten and deepen the channel westward which made possible drainage of the sour soil and malarian marshes in south LaPorte and Porter counties to develop the many high-yielding valuable farms there today.

Sophia (Hillman) Hamann (1838-1910) was a trained nursemaid in Ger-

many and a skilled seamstress. She hated the hard lonely life of pioneer farming, the malaria-laden summers, and the cold wet winters, and feared the Porter county prairie fires. She made the soap, washed the clothes with board and tub, churned the butter, did the cooking, baking, fruit and meat preserving—cleaned the gut and stuffed the summer sausage, liver, blood, and "bratwurst" that smoked with the ham and bacon and domestic duck breasts. She did all the family sewing by hand from heavy unbleached muslin undergarments, bedclothes—sheets, corn husk and straw ticks, even fly covers for the horses, to stiff blue denim pants, overstockings, mittens, caps and vests with her own spinning wheel yarn.

Occasionally, once or twice a year, Sophia rode along when Hamann went to town with cloth sacks filled with wheat and rye to be ground into flour. When Anderson and Denzine set up the steam-powered roller mill, the trip was made to Kouts. Over ten miles, it took nearly all day with a team and wagon and was most uncomfortable. The roads were rough wagon tracks—sometimes hot, dry and dusty; sometimes muddy, full of deep ruts with places where water reached the hubs. The wagon seat was no more than a buffalo skin thrown over a flat board laid across the top front of the box wagon. Hamann would make stops at Anderson's Shop for harness parts, collars, sweat pads, bits, buckles, halter rope; at the Salt Shed for a barrel of coarse salt (used for family and livestock consumption and for preserving beef, mutton and pork); at Fred Rosenbaum's Hardware for nails, steeples, barbed wire, the new hand post-hole digger, a grain scope, a milk pail (once it was an iron wood stove with four little "eisen" glass windows in the front door); at Hayes Blacksmith Shop for a welding job, plowshare or wheel repair or to have the horses shod for winter. Sophia would stop at Rosenbaum's General Store with her delicious butter (sold at 5 - 6¢ per lb.) and baskets of eggs. She would look longingly at the bolts of calico, velvets, and lace but always the trade went for sugar, small kegs of herring, kerosene, shoes for the children, thread, buttons, needles, and for those new jars and real zinc screw lids with MASON'S PATENT NOV. 30TH 1858 pressed in the glass.



Sophia mothered five children. Her health gradually declined after the death of their beautiful beloved Sophie (1877-1901). Louise (1872-1933), the oldest, was employed at EDISON ELECTRIC, Chicago, for many years. Edwina (1874-1969) m. Edward Salzer. William (1883-1928) farmed with his father and brother Fred until his marriage to Dora Heimberg (deceased at birth of their daughter Ardella (WATKINS mgr. Mound City, Kan.); William lost interest in his own farm in Pleasant Twp. and later operated a garage and restaurant in Kouts; m. Caroline Klemz. They have four children: Wilma (m. Elroy Edwards), Roland (m. Barbara Cunningham), Amy (m. Horst DeFries), Joan (m. Richard Hambrock).

Frederick II "Fred" m. Alma Schueneman, farmed the Hamann land until his death (1876-1951). Eleanor (1902-1945) m. Elmer Stassen of Wanatah. Their only daughter Lorraine (m. Dwight Lauman) is a legal secretary in Valparaiso; has two sons, Jeffry and Bradley. Robert Haman (m. Irene Alberding) owns farms in Porter and Stark County; has one son Ronald, farmer, m. Geraldene Birky. Renetta Haman (1913-1974) m. Dallis Timm, south county farmer; son Roger does trucking and Susan is a nurse. George Haman, m. Lenora Dust; owns farms in Jasper and Porter county; has one son, Leslie. Herbert Haman, m. Thelma Hyatt, operated the Hamann farm until retired; their daughter Barbara m. Russel Pumroy, Pleasant Twp. farmer; Frederick III, m. Carol Harwood, is director mfg. service for INLEX PHARMACEUTICAL CO. Richard, career undecided.

Harold Haman, m. Marlene Stowers, (children: Thelma, Cindy, Troy) and Melvin Haman, m. Barbara Soplanda, (children: Brett, Tracy, Ryan). These two great-grandsons today operate the Hamann estate of 800 acres in LaPorte and adjoining Porter county with speed tractors and modern combines and raise as high as 75 head of beef cattle and 200 hogs annually.

THOMAS P. HANNON

Thomas P. Hannon, fourth child of John F. Hannon and Julia B. (Gannon) Hannon, and his wife Helen (Stalbaum) Hannon, born July 11, 1927 in Jasper County; were married June 18, 1949.

They live on the farm where Thomas was born May 13, 1924. Thomas has been active with beef and swine projects as a young boy and with his three oldest children who were 4-H members 10 years through their childhood. At present Thomas is on the 4-H Council representing Morgan Township.

The four children to Thomas and Helen Hannon union are:

1. Barbara A. Hannon (Lucas) born November 23, 1950.
2. Charles P. Hannon born November 2, 1951.
3. Agnes L. Hannon (Sweeney) born August 29, 1953.
4. Diane R. Hannon born May 13, 1967.

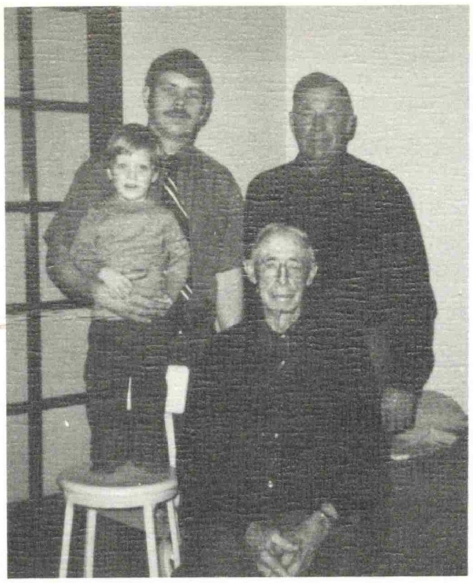
WILLIAM HANRAHAN

The Hanrahan name in Porter County began about 1872 when William Hanrahan came to the United States on an orphan boat from Ireland. A brother and two sisters landed with him at New York, and all four children were adopted and taken to different parts of the United States. That was the last they ever heard from each other.

William was adopted by Hyram and Lydia Crook of Liberty Township. After the adoption went through Hyram and Lydia Crook brought William to Liberty Township to live with them on their farm. Lydia had a daughter named Melna from her first marriage to Arthur Hughart. William eventually married Melna and bought seventy-five acres of the farm from Hyram and Lydia.

William and Melna Hanrahan made their livelihood from the farm while raising three children. They were Arthur (1878-1961), Roy (1883-1972) and Minerva (1890-1944).

Roy Hanrahan, my grandfather, married Mabel Sanders in August, 1907. After William and Lydia passed away,



Roy inherited his share of the farm and bought Arthur's and Minerva's shares from them. Roy and Mabel raised six children: Leroy, Alice, Earl, Carroll, Maxine and Margaret, all of whom are now passed away except Margaret (Mrs. Jack Hannon) who resides in LaPorte, Indiana.

Roy's favorite sport was racoon hunting and he traveled all over the midwest with prize winning dogs, most of which were "Black and Tans". I could not begin to estimate the number of miles walked by him and his sons, Leroy and Earl and Carroll. After farming all day in the fields they would go out and walk over half of Porter County listening to the baying of their dogs as they chased racoons over the country side.

Roy was a member of Porter County Conservation Club for many years, helping to organize and build the club house west of Valparaiso. He was also very active in 4-H Leadership, Farm Bureau and PTA. He passed away in 1972 at the age of 89.

Earl D. Hanrahan, my father, was well known in Porter and the surrounding counties. In high school he was very active in sports, especially basketball, and in his senior year won a Gold Basketball Award for most valuable player and an honor medal for sportsmanship.

In 1936 he married Alice Bond of Valparaiso and they went to work for Arthur Horton. After attending Purdue University for a course in Dairy Production, Earl managed Mr. Horton's "Pradera" Farm north of Valparaiso. He remained in this position for five years and then went into business for himself doing custom baling and driving school bus for Liberty Township and later for Duneland Schools. Earl, like his father, was very active in conservation, Farm Bureau, community affairs and sports, winning a county championship horseshoe pitching in 1949.

When Lakewood Park was begun, Earl was chosen from among 33 applicants to be Superintendent of the park. He remained in this position until his death in 1973.

To Earl and Alice were born four children, all of whom reside in Liberty Township. They are Carole Kessler, Mary Ann Criswell, Christine Warren and me, Robert Earl Hanrahan.

I grew up on the farm loving the outdoors as much as my father had loved it. Like my great-grandfather, grandfather and father, I have lived all my life in Liberty Township, attending and graduating from Liberty High School. Upon graduation I served an apprenticeship in Roll Turning and Design at United States Steel Gary Works and have been working there 12 years. In 1963 I married Bonnie Jean Lamberson of Valparaiso. We built a house on my father's farm where we live with our two children, Karrie Lynn, age 8, and Corey, age 6.

Corey Christopher Hanrahan, my son, will carry on the Hanrahan name with pride.



DR. WALDEMAR C. HANSEN

Dr. Waldemar C. Hansen and wife, Muriel, of 155 Maple Street, Valparaiso, came from Hinsdale, Ill., thirty years ago when "Doc" became Director of Research of Universal Atlas Cement Company, subsidiary of U. S. Steel Corp. (now Universal Atlas Division) of its general laboratories at Buffington Station, Gary, Ind. At that time their son Edward was a freshman of Valparaiso High School and son Donald a freshman at Purdue University. Edward is now a partner in a large Wall St. N.Y. law firm, living in Tuxedo Park, N. Y., and Donald of Barrington, Ill., Vice-President of Operations of W. W. Grainger Corp. of Chicago.

Dr. Hansen was born in Black Hills, S. D. He holds a Ph. D in Chemistry from Columbia University where he met Muriel, a New York native. Donald was born in Washington, D.C. when his father was research associate for Portland Cement Association Fellowship at National Bureau of Standards. Edward, born in Westfield, N. J. when Dr. Hansen was research associate of American Cyanamid Corp. During the seven Hinsdale years Dr. Hansen was research associate for Portland Cement Association of Chicago. Dr. Hansen is author of numerous articles, books and patents. In 1970 he was named Honorary Member of ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials). This is ASTM's highest award given annually to some five members of the organization's 50,000 members. In 1963 Hansen won ASTM's Award of Merit.

Dr. Hansen is a member of the U. S. Highway Research Board, the National Research Council of National Academy of Sciences of Washington, D. C., and advises the Building Technology Division of the U. S. Bureau of Standards on their research program. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society, American Ceramic Society and American Concrete Institute. He is a member of Honorary fraternities Sigma XI, Gamma Alpha and Phi Lambda Upsilon. Dr. Hansen and son Donald are members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Locally the Hansens are members of First United Methodist Church and the 77 year old Mathesis Club of which Hansen is a past president. All three Hansen men served two years in the armed forces: "Doc" and Edward in the Army overseas and Donald in the Navy on the East Coast.

THE ROBERT DANIEL HARRINGTON FAMILY

The Robert Daniel Herrington family arrived in Porter County in 1965, part of the influx of people involved in building and operating the Bethlehem Steel Plant in Burns Harbor.

Robert and his wife, Jane, were both born in Massachusetts and grew up in the same small town, Palmer, Massa-

chusetts. Robert received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Brown University in 1952 and took a position as a "looper" with Bethlehem Steel, being assigned to the Lackawanna, New York plant. Jane received a B.S. from Simmons College. They were married in October 1952 and lived in Hamburg, New York. All four children were born in Lackawanna, New York.

In 1964 Robert was transferred to the Hot Strip Mill of the Burns Harbor plant. After one year in Bethlehem, Pa., the family moved to Valparaiso, building a home in Follis 3rd addition to Forest Park, 1907 Clover Lane, where they still reside.

Robert is now Asst. Supt. of the Service Division at the Burns Harbor plant and was elected to the City Council from Ward 1, taking office January 1, 1976.

Jane has served on various community organizations as president of the League of Women Voters of Porter County for two years and currently as president of the Youth Service Bureau. In 1973 she became the Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and still works in that capacity.

In 1976 Patricia expects to graduate from Kalamazoo College in Michigan, Susan is a freshman at St. Mary's College in South Bend, Thomas is a senior at Valparaiso High School and Mary is a junior. The family are members of St. Paul's Church.

HARRIS FAMILY

Submitted by Susie Harris

My family is a big one. We have 10 all together. Their names and ages are: Cindy, 18 and out of school; Pattie, 16; Joe, 14; Roxanne, 13; Mona, 10; Gaye, 5; Corey, 1½; Aunt Karen, Uncle Dennis and I am 12, my name is Susie.

We were living in South Bend and my Mother was in the hospital for about 3 months, then she died of cancer. My Dad was out of work. All of our Aunts and uncles lived in Alabama or Nebraska, so my Dad took all of us to Alabama and we lived with our Aunt Pat and Uncle Brewer. We lived in Alabama for about a month. Then Aunt Pat and Uncle Brewer talked to our Pastor in South Bend, because my Aunt didn't know what to do with us. Our old Pastor said to put us in the Baptist Chil-



dren's Home in Kouts, IN. Now we live in Kouts three years in the Children's Home. We love our houseparents very much.

JOSEPH AND MARY HARTMANN

Joseph and Mary Hartmann moved to a 160 acre farm in Union Township, Porter County, Indiana in 1869. To this union were born six children: John, Josephine, Louis, Mary, Christine and Frank.

In 1893 Frank married Rose Ann Reibly also of Union Township, Porter County, Indiana, and he purchased the farm from his parents and lived there until his death in 1928.

To this union were born five children: Joseph E., John H., Antionette E., Frances C., and Louis R., and all attended Union Center School.

Joseph E. married Lucy Sester of Plymouth, Indiana, and lived in Valparaiso until his death in 1952. Frances C. married Merlyn R. Wilson, also of Union Township, now living in Valparaiso. John H., Antionette E., and Louis R. lived with their mother on the farm until her death in 1941.

At the death of John H. and Antionette E. in 1957, the farm was acquired by Louis R. who lived there until 1969 when he married Dorothea P. Gerber of Michigan City, Indiana, and then moved to Valparaiso. He sold 80 acres of this farm in 1971 and remaining 80 acres was owned by him at the time of his death in 1974.

CHARLES J. HAUBER

My name is Charles J. Hauber, I live in Chesterton, In., have nine children, all raised and went through schools in town here. My Grandparents settled at Tremont in 1900. They bought a farm. Dunes Highway went through the land that was part of his. They homesteaded up in So. Dakota for a while but did not like it. Dunes highway is the old Chicago-Detroit road. It used to go to Fort Dearborn in the 1800's. I like Porter County and wouldn't care to live any other place.



JOHN MACK HAWKINS

John Mack Hawkins, born December 11, 1952, at Bedford, IN. John is the third son of William Paul and Lucille (Mc Rae) Hawkins, now residing at Indiana, PA. John's oldest brother, Paul Wayne, living in Chicago, has two children, Paul David and Cheryl; James Carol lives in Shreveport, LA.; a sister, Margret Ruth (Peggy) Glanz, living with her husband Peter in Gainsville, FLA.; his youngest brother Robert Dale lives with his parents at home. John came to Porter County in 1956 with his parents. In 1970, he graduated from Valparaiso High School. He is now employed with Midwest Steel and is attending Purdue University majoring in Industrial Management. John married Charbeau Lynn (Char) Hood on May 3, 1975 at Boone Grove Christian Church. It was also the twenty-third wedding anniversary of her parents, Floyd C. and Carolyn A. Hood. Char was born March 26, 1956 in Porter Memorial Hospital. She graduated from Boone Grove High School in 1974 and is a member of the Boone Grove Christian Church. Her hobby is collecting cups and saucers while John collects mugs. Together they enjoy motorcycling, fishing, camping, and just being with friends.

MARTHA COOPER HAWKINS

My name is Martha Cooper Hawkins. The history of my family started (as far as I know) back when my Grandmother

and Grandfather (on my mother's side) came from Germany. Their name was Caroline Jaeske and Henry Homfeld. Following their nuptials they took up residence on a farm in Porter Township, seven miles southwest of Valparaiso, in a log cabin Henry Homfeld had built. They were married in 1880. Later Grandfather built a house, barn and other buildings.

They lived across the field from Fred Smoke and his parents and brothers, and often visited with each other.

My grandparents had six children, all of whom are deceased. They were: Hermann Homfeld, Fred Homfeld, Albert Homfeld, (Matilda) Mrs. John Hamann, Meta Homfeld and Minnie Homfeld Cooper.

Grandfather Homfeld introduced alfalfa to the farmers in northern Indiana. He had learned about it while visiting relatives in Denver, Colorado.

My mother, Minnie Homfeld Cooper, married Roy B. Cooper. To this union were born five children: Philip W., David E., Mark E. (deceased), Forrest E., and myself.

I am now Mrs. Roland O. Hawkins. We have four children: Roland B., Nancy (Mrs. Richard E. Duell), Jean (Mrs. Gregory R. Elkins) and John J. (Jack) Hawkins, all of whom are married.

We have lived in and around Porter County for close to fifty years, and are farming now in Washington Township. We have 7 (almost 8) grandchildren.

RAYMOND F. HEINOLD

Raymond F. Heinold, 3102 N. Campbell, Valparaiso, Indiana, was born in Cissna Park, Illinois, and moved to Kouts, Indiana, when two years old with his parents, Joseph and Martha Heinold. There on a farm he grew up with four brothers and one sister.

In 1937, he and Marie Wuethrich of Francesville, Indiana, were married. Their residence was Valparaiso as Mr. Heinold was a salesman for Chevrolet the Mac Emily Co.

Four children, namely Philip D., J. Keith, Janet Rae, and Mary Martha, blessed this home. Both sons are associated in the petroleum distribution business — Heinold Oil Company, founded in 1940 and which is still owned by the immediate family.

Keith and Susan (Belaschky) are the parents of three children — Michael, Melinda and Elizabeth.

Janet is now Mrs. Daryle Hari, mother of three daughters, Janeen, Darla, and Corinne, and lending support to a husband active in Du-All Furniture Sales.

Mary is Mrs. Robert Honegger — mother of a son, Robbie, and living near Ft. Wayne. She is the wife of an ambitious veterinarian who has his own practice.

All attend or are members of the Apostolic Christian Church.

HISTORY OF ALFRED L. AND OLIVIA HENKEL

Alfred L. Henkel attended Valparaiso University from September, 1933 to January 1937. Because he could find no work in the social service field, he returned to V. U. in June, 1937 to complete his requirements for an Indiana State Teachers license. He did his student teaching at Valparaiso High School in U. S. History under the supervision of Ralph Schenck. Due to the scarcity of teaching positions he took a position as night clerk at the Hotel Lembke. He left Valparaiso in March of 1939 for Fort Wayne where he again worked in hotels until April 14, 1942 when he received his "Greetings" from President Roosevelt.

He was assigned to the 6th Armored Division during World War II and found that a fellow university graduate, Herbert Steinbach, was also assigned to the same company. It was through him that Al met Herb's sister Olivia and married her January 19, 1946, following his discharge from the army on October 14, 1945.

In September, 1946 he accepted a position as teacher at Valparaiso High School. In 1952 he organized the guidance services and became Director of Guidance in 1955 and served in that capacity until 1972. He continued as teacher-counselor until retirement in 1975.

He looks back to his time spent working with the young people of Valparaiso as a most rewarding experience.

Olivia worked at Valparaiso University from 1940-41 and again 1946 to 1974 on a part-time basis in the Public Relations, Business and Moellering Library offices at various times.

They are the parents of two children: Olivia and Al Jr. Both attended Immanuel Lutheran School, graduating from Valpo High in 1965 and 1966 respectively.

Olivia graduated from V. U. in 1971, taught her first year at Toltec, Arizona, and has since been teaching in the Valparaiso School System.

Al Jr. worked as X-ray technologist at Porter Memorial Hospital from 1967 to 1972, and while there met Karen Krohn, who was a nurses aide at the hospital. They were married May 27, 1972. They are living in Valparaiso since 1974, after Karen had finished her nurse's training at Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital. At present Al is attending Valparaiso Technical Institute, and Karen is a nurse at P.M.H.

MRS. FLORENCE E. HENNING

This is my family history. My husband was born in Porter County, a mile south of Wheeler, IN. I, his wife, was born in Porter County also. Our oldest son, Harold, served two years over in Korea. Our youngest son, Larry, was born in Valparaiso, IN. He has completed his college and will be teaching and coaching in Flora, IN. Both are married. Harold has three children, 2 boys and a girl. We have lived in Valparaiso for 29 years, coming from a farm a mile south of Wheeler. We belong to Immanuel Lutheran Church. I belong to the American Legion Auxiliary, and also to the Foreign Wars Auxiliary. My husband, Elmer, worked for Fosters Lumber Co. for 20 years after moving to Valparaiso.

Harold works at Indiana General. He has been there for 25 years. My husband Elmer Henning passed away Feb. 10, 1975.

THE HAROLD HENNING FAMILY

The Harold Henning family consists of Harold, Marilu, Steven, Sandra, Edward. Harold was born in Porter County in a farm house a mile and a half south of Wheeler, Ind. Harold is the son of Mrs. Florence Henning, Valparaiso, and the late Elmer A. Henning. Harold attended Wheeler schools until 1947 and then moving to Valparaiso and graduating from Valparaiso High School in 1950. Harold served with the U.S. Army in Korea in 1953-54. Harold has

worked at Indiana General in Valparaiso for 25 years. Harold is a member of Post #94 American Legion.

Marilu Henning is a housewife and was born in Gary, Ind., the daughter of Mrs. Leona Frye, Merrillville, Ind., and the late William Frye. Marilu attended the Merrillville schools, likes to sew and make clothes.

Steven Henning is 12 years old and goes to Ben Franklin Junior High. Sandra Henning is 8 years old and goes to Thomas Jefferson Elem. Edward Henning is 7 years old and goes to Central Elem.

The Henning family are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Valparaiso.

WILBUR HERLITZ FAMILY

In 1944 Wilbur Herlitz came to Porter County and married Helen Shurr, who was the daughter of Vernon and Hazel Shurr.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Herlitz, Louis Herlitz, came to America from Germany in 1836 and settled at Cedar Lake, Indiana. Mr. Herlitz's father, William, moved from Cedar Lake to Beecher, Illinois, where Wilbur was born on December 17, 1914. He was raised there and graduated from Lowell High School.

The great-grandfather of Mrs. Herlitz, Lewis Shurr, also came to America from Germany in 1853 and settled in Valparaiso before eventually moving to a farm south of Porter Cross Roads in Porter Township. Mrs. Herlitz's parents, Vernon and Hazel, also resided south of Porter Cross Roads. This is where Helen was born on December 8, 1916. She was raised there and graduated from Boone Grove High School.

Soon after Wilbur and Helen were married on November 26, 1944, they purchased a farm 2 miles northeast of Boone Grove, where they still reside. They have three children, Ronald, Susan, and Wayne.

Ronald, who was born on March 29, 1946, married Karen Niksch of Valparaiso on August 17, 1974 and currently resides in Valparaiso. Karen was born on October 12, 1948. Ronald is presently a math teacher at Boone Grove High School and Karen taught physical education with the Valparaiso Community Schools. They have a daughter, Barbara Ann, who was born on December 3, 1975.

Susan, born on March 3, 1950, married Allan Hoagland of Hebron on November 25, 1972 and currently resides in Indianapolis. Allan was born on October 8, 1948. Susan is an accountant for Mayflower Transit and Allan is a mortician for Flanner and Buchanan Mortuaries.

Wayne, born on September 20, 1951, currently resides with his parents. He is an industrial arts teacher at Wheeler High School.

Wilbur and Helen are both active members of the Boone Grove Christian Church. Wilbur is also a member of the Valparaiso Rotary Club and vice-president of the Porter County Farm Bureau. Helen is a member of the Porter Township Homemakers Club and is woman's leader of the Porter Township Farm Bureau.



JULIE HERMA

My name is Julie Herma. I'm eleven and in the sixth grade. There are eight people in my family. My youngest sister is Leslie and she is four years old. Five of us go to school here in Kouts. Jennifer is in the first grade and is six. Stacy is in the fifth grade and is ten. My oldest sister is Ronda. She's fifteen and in the tenth grade. She is her class president, member of the Pep Club, and is also on the yearbook staff. I have one brother who is thirteen and in the eighth grade. His name is Michael. He's in all the school sport activities and Student Congress. My Mom's name is Ruby and she is thirty-two. She works in a candy factory on week days only. My Dad is thirty-four and he works at Kaiser Aluminum. Also he assists at laying bricks. His name is Ronald.

When my Dad was young he went to Hebron School. After they met and got married they moved to Kouts. We've been in Kouts for fifteen years.

Our family attends the Catholic Church. My Grandpa, Lester Hoover, is president of the Town Board. Our family doesn't travel much. We all enjoy swimming and camping. We also live in the country and have a dog named Friendly.

MRS. JOHN T. HERMANSADER (ADELAIDE NORTON)

Mrs. John T. Hermansader (Adelaide Norton), born March 26, 1892, Reading, Pennsylvania; lived in Meridian, Miss., Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia, Kansas City, Mo., Des Moines, Iowa, Chicago, Ill.; moved to Porter, Ind., June, 1954, with husband, on his retirement. Taught school in Pennsylvania; sang in choirs, played church organ and piano many years; active in church and neighborhood house work many years, serving as President of Board of Managers of Italian Institute in K.C., Mo., and Treasurer of Board of Firman House, Chicago; honored as Churchwoman of the Year, United Council of Church Women, Chicago, in 1959, leader of Campfire Girls in K.C.; active in Porter Methodist Church, teaching Bible study classes, planning with other churches for World Day of Prayer; chair-

man of World Day of Prayer in Chicago for five years; inspirational speaker to local, Valparaiso, and Chicago groups; winner of Senior Citizen's Queen of Porter County 1975, and first runner-up for Indiana Senior Citizen's Queen 1975; mother of Eleanor Murray, grandmother of James Thomas and Sarah Emily Murray.

Bonsel Murray, born Clinton, Indiana; employed by U. S. Steel, Gary, for 46 years; graduated Clinton H. S.; sergeant in U. S. Air Corps in World War II, serving in Guam; moved to Chesterton from Gary in Nov. 1947 with wife, Eleanor; father of James Thomas and Sarah Emily; exhibited pen-and-ink drawings in Chesterton Woman's Club and Chesterton Art Fair.

Mrs. Bonsel Murray (Eleanor Norton Hermansader), born Meridian, Miss.; lived in Savannah and Atlanta, Ga., Kansas City, Mo., Des Moines, Onawa, and Clarinda, Iowa, Chicago, Ill., East Chicago, Indiana, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and moved to Chesterton in Nov. 1947 with husband, Bonsel; graduate of Drake Univ. in 1935, attended Chicago Art Institute, California College of Arts and Crafts, Indiana Univ.; art teacher in Iowa, East Chicago, Grosse Pointe, Portage, Westchester, Beverly Shores, and Hobart Township Schools; mother of James Thomas and Sarah Emily; researched and painted murals for Porter County Courthouse rotunda 1966-68; painted murals in cafeteria of Hageman School, portrait of Lincoln as boy for Evans School and painting of school activities for Meister gym; exhibited at Iowa State Fair, Ridge Art Association of Chicago, East Chicago Civic Art Association, Chesterton Women's Club, Michigan City University Women, Artists and Craftsmen of Porter County, and Gary Artist's League; choir director of Porter Methodist Church, soloist for individual and combined church services in Des Moines, Chicago, Detroit, Gananoque (Ont.), Lake Wawasee, Chesterton and Valparaiso; president of Chesterton-Porter Business and Professional Women's Club 1956-7 and 1967-8, honored as Woman of the Year 1968 by B. P. W.

James Thomas Murray (son of Bonsel and Eleanor), born in Gary, graduated Chesterton H. S. 1969, Ball State University in Mus. Ed. in 1974; married to Kari Lynn Lewis Aug. 1973; active in band and chess clubs in H.S. and stage crews for dramatic and musical productions; employed at radio station at Ball State, by U. S. Steel, Gary; exhibited in Chesterton Woman's Club several years.

Sarah Emily Murray (daughter of Bonsel and Eleanor), born in Valparaiso, graduated Chesterton H. S. 1973, attending Ball State University, majoring in music education; member Porter Methodist Church choir and Community Chorus locally, Concert and Madrigal Choirs at Ball State; worked in costuming and make-up for several plays and cast of "Music Man" at C.H.S.

JACKIE HERR

My name is Jackie Herr. I am 11, and in the 6th grade. I live in a family of five and I have a paper route. I have a sister Patty. She is 16 and works at Johnson's Drive In. She is in the 11th grade. I have a brother John, he's 7 and in the 2nd grade. He also shares the paper route with me. My Mom's name is Dorothy. She is 40 years old and works hard in the house and outside the house. She is also a catechism teacher at the St. Mary's Catholic Church. My Dad's name is Arthur and he is a sheet metal worker in Valparaiso.

I became a resident in Porter Co. by Bill Kimmel letting my Dad start plumbing and heating.

The accounts of my family's life are my Dad is still working in Porter County and we don't want to move. We like to go all over to different states. We like to go fishing. All three of us kids like to attend Kouts High School.

HICKS FAMILY

Lawrence A. Hicks is the second of two sons and a daughter born to Leland and Edna Mae Hicks of Valparaiso. His mother, Edna Mae Hamilton, was born in Brownsburg, In., moving to South Bend, In., in her early years. She was united in marriage in 1940 to Leland (Pete) Hicks. Pete is the last survivor of eight children of Lydia Ellen and William Allen Hicks, who were wed on June 4, 1890. William Hicks is said to have driven oxen teams across North Dakota. He owned a store in Tassanong, and also was a teacher in the Tassanong area, now a historical landmark. Later they moved to Valparaiso, where he was in the transfer business, using a team of horses and a wagon. Mrs. Hicks owned and operated several rooming houses on College Hill in Valparaiso. In later years they purchased a store on the corner of Locust and Union Streets, which was their main occupation until Mr. Hicks death. Mrs. Hicks was a charter member and the first Oracle for the College Hill Camp No. 3122 Royal Neighbors of America. William Hicks died in 1932 and Lydia in 1953. Their son "Pete" is a retired businessman of Valparaiso. He and his wife are active in area politics and other community organizations. Their other two children are married. The older son, John, served in the Marine Corps and is now a Tool and Die Maker. He and his wife Jeanne live in Washington Township with their three sons. Susan, the youngest of the three children, graduated from Valparaiso High School, attended Valparaiso University, then transferred to Indiana University. She then married William Magyar of Valparaiso. They are now living in Seattle, Washington, where Susan is attending Washington University, majoring in Environmental Health.

Lawrence, an optometrist, studied at Purdue University where he met his wife, Lucille, a Lafayette girl. They both graduated there and travelled to England. He studied in the City University School of Opthalmic Opticians, London, England. He and Lucille were married in 1969 in London. He graduated from that University in 1971 with honors, as the first American student to complete the courses there. He is a member of the British Optometry Association. Dr. Hicks then studied two years at Indiana University, receiving his degree in Optometry in 1973.

During their stay in London, a daughter was born. They now have a second daughter, born in Valparaiso.

Dr. Hicks and his family are looking forward to an active future in Porter County, as the family has in the past.

The Hicks family has donated to the Porter County Historical Society Museum a photograph of a relative who was the mother of the first white child born in Porter County in a time when the area was inhabited by Indian tribes.



William Hicks

JOHN AND JANET HILLIARD

The Hilliards owned and operated Hilliards Restaurant in Kouts for 28 years. Mrs. Hilliards' father, Fred L. Perry, opened the business in 1933; thus it was family owned for 43 years. The business was sold in late 1974.

Mrs. Hillards' Porter County Ancestry can be traced back to 1850 when her great-great-grandmother Melintha White Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins' brother Theron White moved to Valparaiso from Wayne County, Penn.

The Hilliards have two children, Susan and John Timothy; and three grandchildren, Jon, Christopher and Courtney Albright.

ALVIS AND EDNA HITESMAN

Born in the South, was left an orphan at the age of two. I attended first grade in the South, continued my schooling in Montana.

I came to Valparaiso and three years later on a Sunday afternoon at Seivers soda fountain I met Alvia Hitesman. Two years later we were married. We lived in Valparaiso all our married life. Alvia passed away Septmeber 15, 1966.

We adopted two children, Arlene, deceased, and Paul, now living in Texas.

DAN HITZ

My name is Danny Hitz. I'm in 6th grade and 12 years old. I am in a family of five. I have two sisters, Nancy is 16 years old, she is in the 11th grade and she is the oldest. The youngest is Lori, she is 10 years old, she is in the 5th grade.

My Dad is a photographer in Kouts and Kokomo, In. Nancy and Mom help him, and I help my Dad by taking pictures and setting up equipment. My Mother is a great housewife and cook.

My Dad is the best photographer ever. When my Mom and Dad got married they came to Kouts. When we get free time off, we go to the ball games, boat riding, skiing, movies and long rides. On Sept. 21, 1975, we went to the Cubs and Phillies ball game in Chicago, and we took some friends. We have a blast every time we go. We like to go sight seeing and take pictures. We like to look at new, neat and tough houses, campers, boats and trailers.

AUGUST HOFFERTH AND SONS

AUGUST HOFFERTH AND SONS—MASON CONTRACTORS was the first mason business established at Pleasant Twp. August (1852-1932), Germany-trained in bricklaying and plastering, immigrated to United States (1880) with August Wandrey and August Honehouse to join his brother John. These young men found German Lutheran wives in the Kouts vicinity though the Hofferths were Catholic. August married Theresa Wittenburg (1860-1952), a skilled seamstress and midwife. He built a small house and lime shop in Kouts south of the original Pennsylvania R.R. coal dock. He was busily engaged in building chimneys and plastering houses and stores, including the first Lutheran church.

After Confirmation and one year of high school, Albert, "Burt" (1875-) joined his father. In 1906 a business shop and small water tower were erected and equipment installed for production of hand-tamped cement blocks and drainage tile. Cement masonry was added to the business, including foundations for houses and farm buildings, basements and sidewalks.

The youngest son, Emil "Mike", K.H.S. baseball pitcher—later for the Kouts team—after graduation (1912) became a partner in the Hofferth company. By 1915 the plant had been enlarged; modern machinery and cement mixers were installed by which 5 blocks a minute were turned out. Equipment was added for making burial vaults. When August retired the name was changed to KOUTS BUILDING SUPPLY (sold in 1958).

From 1913 to 1921 Burt left the business to serve as Kouts Postmaster, during which time he secured the second rural route mail service. He also became the first Town Clerk and served for 5 years; in 1918 m. Margaret Betterton (1896-1961). Their sons, Burt and Wallace, Purdue graduates, are associated with ARMSTRONG LINOLEUM CO.



Mabelle Hofferth

August Hofferth's son Charles deceased in early boyhood. The oldest daughter, Alta (1889-1929), was employed with the GAGE HAT CO. in Chicago. Later was a Kouts postoffice clerk until her death. Hattie (1891-1948) served as Kouts postoffice clerk and rural delivery substitute until her marriage to Edward ("Eddie") Rosenbaum, one of the rural mail carriers who served until his illness and death in 1957. He also owned a farm with an accredited dairy herd and established the first satte-inspected dairy service in Kouts. Their one daughter, LaVerne (Mrs. Pinney Sommers), lives on the farm—no longer a dairy—also is in the postal service at Kouts. She is the Presbyterian Church organist and is active in church and community affairs. They have two sons, Ronnie (Supervisor of UPJOHN EXPERIMENTAL FARMS), Tom (Salesman for IBM computers), and daughter Donna (Mrs. Philip Stewart).

After his return from over two years of service in the U. S. Navy and the front line Telephone Battalion Volunteers in France during World War I, plus seven trips across the Atlantic on the U.S.S. Mobile returning U. S. service men, Emil resumed his work in the Hofferth business. In 1920 he married Mabelle Salzer (1895-), Pleasant Twp. teacher and first president of the Kouts Band Boosters. They have one daughter, Estrella (Mrs. Franklin Rosenbaum), talented in music, played cornet and bass horn in Kouts High School Band, piano and violin, and was the Lutheran Church organist for several years. After K.H.S. graduation she entered South Bend Business College and is a legal and business secretary. They have two sons, Franklin Jr. and John,

and one daughter, Carol.

Emil enjoyed hunting and fishing. He served on the Town Board for twenty some years and was trustee in the Lutheran Church for many years. He had become a skilled bricklayer and an expert in fireplace construction. His work can be found in LaCrosse, Wanatah, Hebron, Valparaiso and Crown Point as well as in Kouts including the original 1936 new school building, his own brick home on Church and McKinley, and his daughter's, on 25245 Roosevelt Rd., South Bend.

LILA L. HOKANSON

Lila L. Hokanson, 326 Michigan St., Porter, In. Born in Gary, Indiana and moved to Chesterton when I was seven years old. Graduated from C.H.S. Married Edwin Hokanson of Porter in 1950 and moved to Porter, where I still live.

Children: Jodie Marie Hokanson who will be a student for Medical Assistant at Indiana Business and Technical College in Indianapolis. Guy Hokanson who is presently employed at Enchanted Forest, Chesterton.

Employed by the Town of Porter as Clerk-Treasurer since 1963; filled out a vacancy in 1963 and then won three elections after that. My term is up this year so will be up for re-election in November.

Am President of the Westchester Democratic Woman's Club, Vice-comm. of Precinct 5, member of the First United Methodist Church and V.F.W. Aux. Post #2511.

My mother was born in Hungary and my father in Keiv, Russia. My maiden name was Lila Dockim. I have three sisters, Vivian Hillborn of Deerfield, Ill., Eleanor Walters of Michigan City, In., and Zena Halgren of Abilene, Texas.

THE HOMFELD FAMILY

Henry Homfeld came to Porter County from Germany in 1879 and established a cooper shop in Valparaiso on the present site of the Foster Lumber Company. On January 4, 1880, he married Caroline Jaeske, also an immigrant from Germany. They made their home at 604 Morgan Boulevard, across from the cooper shop.

In 1881, he disposed of the cooper shop and purchased a farm in Porter Township where he lived until his death in 1918. As a farmer, he introduced alfalfa to Indiana and became well known for his efforts to promote the new crop. In 1919, Mrs. Homfeld returned to the house on Morgan Boulevard where she lived until her death in 1936.

Henry and Caroline Homfeld had six children: Mathilda, Meta, H e r m a n, Minne, Fred, and Albert. Herman and Albert were Porter County farmers. Mathilda married John Hamann, also a Porter County farmer. Fred married Irene Black and farmed in Lake County. All six of the second generation are now deceased. No one named Homfeld now lives in Porter County, though the third generation is represented in the county by Herman's daughter, Mary Louise Osenga, Mathilda's sons Fred and Louis Hamann, Minne's daughter M a r t h a (Mrs. Roland Hawkins), as well as some of the fourth and fifth generation.

The Homfeld name is carried on by Herman's son Kenneth of Houston, Texas, and his sons Conrad, Kenneth Lee, and Carlton, as well as Albert's son Max of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and his son Edward.

The most recent family reunion was held in July 1975, at the Lake County farm of Mrs. Fred Homfeld. Fifty-one family members attended.

FLOYD CURTIS HOOD

Floyd Curtis Hood, child of Harry and Velma Foley Hood, was born near Springerton, Illinois. Arriving on their first anniversary January 11, 1931. Harry Hood (dec. May 3, 1970), a descendant of the Hoods from Hoodville, Illinois, moved his family to Valparaiso for employment in 1938. Floyd has a brother Gerald (Jerry) living in Washington Twp.; a sister Lorretta Ritsch in Carmi, Illinois; a brother Robert Lee deceased Feb. 4, 1961 in Valparaiso, a result of corrective heart surgery; a sister Sharon Shepard in Brookport, Illinois. His mother resides near Three Rivers, Michigan with her brother, John (Jim). Floyd's favorite week-end fishing spot. If you don't believe it ask Carolyn Ann, his wife, whom he eloped with while in service May 3, 1952, at Springfield, Tenn. Daughter of Maurice and Frances Ludington of Porter Twp., born March 29, 1935, the oldest of three girls. Floyd and Carolyn are the parents of three children born in Valparaiso and educated at Boone Grove School. Max Lee born March 4, 1954. The first grandchild on either side. He is employed at Chester Inc. Fertilizer Plant in Boone Grove. Max enjoys the great outdoors—archery, hunting and fishing. Two daughters: Charbeau Lynn (Char) born March 25, 1956. Married John M. Hawkins May 3, 1975 now residing in Washington Twp. Denise Ann born April 9, 1962 is an active 8th grader. She enjoys Girl Scouts, band, dances, and has a rock and lamp collection. Floyd is a carpenter out of Local 1485. Carolyn is employed at Indiana General Magnet Products—Payroll. As a family we enjoy farming, camping, fishing, and bowling.

REMEMBRANCE

I remember my Grandmother, Hannah Henry Horner, as a small and very industrious person. The sugar cookies she gave me have helped a lot too!

Hannah told me once of how she and her new husband, Samuel Horner, had walked across the fields after the wedding ceremony to the new log cabin he had built in a grove of trees. A large room was the kitchen and contained a fireplace. A small connecting room was their bedroom. Two more rooms were later added to this house; they also were of logs and the cracks filled with mud and one window of many panes in each room. Hannah was a tiny female about 5 feet tall but she had three sons, Robert, Dan and Garfield, and four daughters, Mattie, Harriet, Mary and Carrie. The boys slept in one bedroom and the girls in the other on feather mattresses with heavy pieced quilts over them.

The oxen had been replaced with horses but water was still carried from the spring. This was known as the St. Clair neighborhood and the young Horners were active in school affairs and dances and box socials of the times. School lasted three months and the teacher boarded with different families. They were taught to figure and most of them completed the second reader and had fun at spell-downs. School was about a mile from the log house and when weather was severe school ended.

I remember Hannah best when she was a widow. At this time Bob and Dan, my father, were dead and Harriet had married and moved to the west coast. Only Carrie and Garfield were at home and Carrie also later married and moved west. The old log house was now used for storage of grain and supplies and Hannah was enjoying her new modern home about a quarter mile from the 'old place' as she called it. I and my cousins visited here each summer and often walked down the dusty dirt road in our bare feet to get the mail.

Hannah and Carrie baked bread twice a week, 6 loaves at a time, and the odor was glorious! What a treat it was to be given the heel of the warm loaf spread with fresh butter and sprinkled with brown sugar! On churning day we youngsters stood fascinated to see the cream turn to yellow butter and were thrilled to be allowed to push the dasher up and down in the churn. This churning was done in the so-called summer house and the baking was done here too in a wood burning cook stove. This kept the main house cool and clean.

It was fun to pick up the apples that had dropped over night from the yellow transparent apple tree and how we kids gobbled down that apple sauce! Another treat was cornstarch pudding made with lots of eggs and rich milk and covered with cream! I've never tasted it so good since then.

Grandma Hannah also had lots of old fashioned flowers and memories return whenever I see the striped Tiger lilies which bloom in July. Such a brave woman—why didn't I love and appreciate her more?

Submitted by Almira Horner Downing

HORNER

Mrs. Garfield S. Horner (Bessie E.) has been a resident of Whispering Pines Home for Senior Citizens since March 1966, after maintaining her own home until the age of 85. She was born in 1882 in the Col. Suman homestead in Jackson Township to Edward T. Nulf and Mary Margaret (Gray) Nulf. Her father and mother had come to Porter County from Noble County, Indiana and after farming in Jackson Township, purchased land and farmed and planted a peach orchard on U. S. 6. They built a brick home there in 1904 (now known as Brenn produce farm).

Mr. and Mrs. Nulf were the parents of eight children: Alpha (Biggs); William; Vance; Bessie; Edward; Dora (Lute); Emma (Crisman) and Clarence. All of the family are deceased except Mrs. Horner. The families are buried in the Chesterton Cemetery.

Bessie Nulf was married to Garfield S. Horner who was born in Center Township, the son of Samuel and Hannah (Henry) Horner. Mr. and Mrs. Horner were florists and opened the first downtown floral shop in Valparaiso, first on Washington St. and later where Lemster's Valparaiso Floral now operates. They were the parents of three children, a daughter who died in infancy; Hannah Mary, a graduate of Univ. of Ill. with a Masters in Library Science, and Margaret Faye, who married Wayne B. Horney, a veteran of WWII. Mary Horner taught in local township schools and for years was librarian in the Gary school system. She has been deceased since 1952 and her father died in 1958.

HORNEY

M. Faye Horney and Wayne B. Horney are the parents of one son, David G. Mr. Horney is in the real estate business with an office located in Wheeler, Indiana. Mrs. Horney has been associated with Suburban Home Corp. for over fifteen years and is Exec. Vice Pres. of the corporation and the manager of South Haven Square Shopping Center on U. S. 6 in Portage Township. She is also a real estate broker. Both Mr. and Mrs. Horney are interested in history and geneology and Mr. Horney is a past president of the Porter County Historical Society. Mrs. Horney is currently president of the Lake Shore Chapter #20 of "The Questers" and is past National Parliamentarian of the group, a national society for the study and preservation of antiques; is an active member of Early American Industries Assoc. Inc. and related study groups. They are all members of the First Christian Church of Valparaiso.

DEAN ALBERT (WHITEY) HOUPT

Dean Albert (Whitey) Houpt, born June 13, 1935 at Chicago Heights, Ill. Dean was the eldest of four sons of Vern Henry and Gertrude M. Rock



Houpt. Vern's father Benjamin Harrison was raised in New Albany, Ind. and died Dec. 22, 1974 at New Era, Michigan. His mother Emma Marrie Stahley Houpt, the daughter of Huldah Agnes Breitzke and Fred Christian Stahley of Washington Twp., is living in New Era, Michigan. Gertrude's family came from Youngstown, Ohio and moved to Hammond, Ind.

Dean's brother Lloyd and his family live in Hobart, Ind.; Vern Richard died Nov. 22, 1968 at the age of 29, of a plastic anemia, and is buried in Sheridan, Wyoming. His youngest brother Neil died Oct. 15, 1956 at the age of 13, of a tumor on the brain, and is buried at Hammond, Ind. beside his parents at Elmwood Cemetery.

Dean was raised in Hammond, Ind., and quit school at the age of sixteen to become a 3rd generation brickmason of Local #6. Dean moved to Porter Twp. after his marriage to Juanita Diane Ludington on Oct. 19, 1957. Juanita is the 2nd daughter of Maurice B. and Frances M. Perrill Ludington, born Jan. 21, 1938 at Valparaiso, Ind. Juanita graduated from Boone Grove High School and Comptometer School in 1955. Her working career ended at Indiana General Magnetic Corporation of Valparaiso, to await the arrival of their son Dean Benjamin born June 22, 1968. In February 1968 Dean and Juanita moved from their trailer home in Porter Twp. to a house in Union Twp. where they still reside. Dean A. is an active member of Bricklayers Local #6 and is their Recording Secretary. He enjoys hunting and fishing. Dean and Juanita help farm her parents land in Porter Twp. As a family they enjoy boating and fishing on Lake Michigan.



ENOS MELVILLE AND CAROLYN LOUCIEL HUNTER

Enos Melville and Carolyn Louciel Hunter, R. 1, Hebron, Ind., were married on August 8, 1941.

Enos: born May 20, 1894 at Rosemont, Ontario, Canada, the son of Hamilton and Catherine Hunter. He served as a Lt. in the first World War in the British Royal Flying Corps. He came to the United States in 1923, to Valparaiso in 1926. He was employed by McGill Mfg. Co. as Foreman of the Maintenance for 34 years. In 1950 he and his wife, Carolyn, moved from Center Twp. to an 80 acre farm in Boone Twp. to further his interest in registered Angus cattle.

Carolyn: born in Center Twp., Porter Co., the daughter of Richard Wesley and Margaret MacGregor Lytle. Also born to this union were John Wesley, Richard MacGregor, Margaret Cordelia and Robert Denison. Her father was the son of Aaron Wesley and Cordelia Denison Lytle. Aaron Wesley was the son of Aaron and Hannah Jones Lytle. Aaron W. Lytle was born in Boone Twp. July 12, 1841. Mrs. Hunter served as Dep. Treas. of Porter County for 4 years. She was active in the G.O.P. of Porter Co., serving as County Vice-Chairman for 4 years beginning in 1938. In 1954 she began work at the First State Bank (now First National Bank) and was the Auditor of the Bank for 15 years until her retirement in 1971. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso and the Margaret Bryant Blackstone Chapter of the NSDAR of Hebron.

MR. AND MRS. DANIEL HOWE

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Howe reside on LaHayne Road in Liberty Township with their young son Jason. Both Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Howe, and Cheryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Glancy, are lifelong residents of Porter County.

Daniel attended St. Patrick Elementary School and graduated from Chesterton High School in 1965. He then attended Indiana University Northwest for one year, and has been employed as a General Motors Parts Manager since 1967. Cheryl attended Liberty Township School and graduated third in her class of 1967. After graduation, Cheryl attended Valparaiso University for one semester and received a certificate in interior design from LaSalle Extension University. Mrs. Howe was also employed at Chesterton State Bank during 1968-69.

Dan and Cheryl were married at St. Patrick Church in Chesterton on Sept. 7, 1968. Their son, Jason Alan, was born at Porter Memorial Hospital on April 19, 1971.

The Howes are members of St. Patrick Church, where Mrs. Howe teaches Sunday Preschool. Mrs. Howe is also current president of Zeta Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority.

Both Dan and Cheryl enjoy many hobbies, including outdoor activities such as golfing and gardening.

IDEN FAMILY HISTORY

The Iden family moved to Valparaiso in 1934 with the idea that their daughters might attend Valparaiso University when they were old enough. Mr. Iden graduated from the University in 1917. Another reason for moving to Valparaiso was the fact that Mr. Iden was a Pennsylvania Railroad employee in Chicago and thus he had transportation to Chicago.

The daughters, Gladis and Ruth, attended school at the Gardener School, Central School, and graduated from Valparaiso High School. After graduation from high school they both started working for the Pennsylvania Railroad at the Polk Street freight house and when the New York Central and the Pennsylvania became the Penn Central Railroad, the girls were transferred to



the Union Station in Chicago and are still employed there.

Mr. Iden died in 1960 but the girls and their mother still live in Valparaiso. Ruth enrolled in night school at the university three years ago but had to quit because of illness. Mrs. Iden is an active member of the Valparaiso Women's Club.

JACOBS FAMILY

Here is the complete genealogy of the Jacobs family as descended from eight brothers and sisters:

1. *Fred Jacobs*—Minnie Kuehl
   1. *Girl* (died at birth)
   2. *Dorothea*—Paul Kuehl
      1. *John*—Laurel Wright
         1. *Chad* J.
   3. *Clarence*—Leona Drews
      1. George—Sharon Sexton
         1. Sheryl—Ronald Berry
         2. Susan
         3. Connie
         4. Thomas
      2. Karen—Edward L. Martin
         1. Darrell
         2. Jerry
         3. Mark
         4. Sherry

August (Gus) Jacobs—Elizabeth Ruge
   1. Son (died as infant)
   2. Marjorie—Richard Thrasher
      1. Lewis—Donna Taylor
      2. John—Elaine Montarco

Martha Jacobs—John Dinse
   1. Vernon—Mildred Casel
      1. Nancy
      2. Ruth Ann—Don Nicholson
   2. Helen—Harry Spohn
   3. Melva—Harold McGriff (died)/ George Drazer (died)/Paul Atchison
      1. Betty-Lou—Jack Wild



JACOBS FAMILY
Pictured are the eight Jacobs sisters and brothers in a photo taken August, 1959. The following decendents of the Jacobs family are listed from left to right, as follows: Fred Jacobs, August Jacobs, Martha Jacobs Dinse, Louis Jacobs, Minnie Jacobs Hoth, Frieda Jacobs Harbeck, Ablert Jacobs, Walter Jacobs.

2. Janet—Michael O'Connor (divorced)/Robert Zivier
   1. Keven
   2. Kurt
   3. Ronald
3. William—Linda Miller
   1. William Jr.
   2. Kimberly

Louis Jacobs—Carla Luedtke
1. Louis—Audrey Reinert
   1. David—Sharon Christy
      1. Brenda
      2. Laurel
   2. Diann—Leonard P. Taceh
   3. Dennis—Marie Kosik
      1. Bridget
      2. Andrea
2. Marie—Pete Fosler
   1. Linda—Ronald Lehman
      1. Amanda
      2. Sheryl
   2. Larry—Sandra-Sue Herman
3. Margaret—George Rainwaters
   1. James—Barbara Kretz
4. Evelyn—Oivelle Linnell
   1. Robert—Martha Watson
      1. Robert Jr.
      2. William—Mildred Dongess
         1. William Jr.
      3. James—Pamela Wheeler
      4. Charles—Dicky-Ann Cooper
      5. Kathie
5. Ruth—Clayton Ludington

Minnie Jacobs—Herman Hoth
1. Raymond—Helen . . .
2. Wallace— (died)
3. Charles—Mary Ann Mathew
   1. Lou-Ann— . .
      (3 girls)
   2. Phillip—
      (2 children)
4. Wilbert—Carolyn . .
   1. Joan—Kenneth Sels
   2. Jean—

Frieda Jacobs—Otto Harbeck
1. Robert—Ava Hough
   1. John—
   2. Alice—Kenneth Blood
      1. Melissa
   3. Barbara Kathryn
2. Kathryn—Charles Wilson
   1. Byron—Darlene Hadtke
      1. Beth
      2. David
      3. Kathy
   2. Judith—Ben Boldt Jr.
      1. Heather
      2. Ben I 3rd
   3. Phyllis—Jerry Duchs

Albert Jacobs—Lillian Ruge
1. Marguerite—Fred Skinner
   1. Loreli—Richard Alt
   2. Deborah—James Oelling

Walter Jacobs—Rose Gast
1. Rosemary—Rex Moore
   1. Lynn—Tom Cook
   2. Chris
   3. Larry
2. Frances—Estas Moore
   1. Terry—Chris Kilmer
   2. Larry

Fern Albertson
1. Richard—Faulene . . .
   1. Michael Dean
   2. Sandra Dee
   3. Patrick Lee
2. Norman—Marjorie Dalke
   1. Julie
   2. Jacqueline
   3. Daron
   4. Steve
3. Robert—Rochelle Davidson
   1. Jeffery
   2. John
   3. Jane
4. Allen—Sally Dust
   1. Marly
   2. Stacy Lynn

CHARLES JOHNSON

Charles Johnson, born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1851, immigrated to the United States, and settled in Porter County in 1872.

His first job was in the Porter Brick Yard, where he worked for $1.25 a day. He married Nellie Johnson, and bought some acreage in Suman Valley, Jackson Twp. Later he purchased 160 acres on what is known as County Rd. 600 N, just east of #49, where he built the homestead. Ten children were born to them, seven sons and three daughters. The sons were Frank, John, Walter, August, Arthur, Harry and Elmer. The daughters were Minnie, Hulda and Naomi. John died in infancy and Naomi when she was seventeen.

All the children attended Suman School, Carter School, and Jackson Twp. High School. They attended the Swedish Lutheran Church in Chesterton, where they were confirmed. They delivered milk to the University and made ice from Flint Lake. The family made their own cheeses, which were wrapped and hung in the attic until needed. They dried their fruit, meat was butchered on the farm, the hams, bacon were smoked in the old smoke house, while other meat was fried down, put in crocks and covered with fat, to be reheated when needed.

One Christmas the candles on the Christmas tree caught fire and the tree had to be thrown out the door, much to the dismay of the children. The large family was a busy and happy one.

Both daughters married men attending Valparaiso University and moved away, while all the sons were engaged in farming. They purchased 80 more acres across the road from the homestead in Washington Twp.

Charles, the father, died in 1913, and Nellie, his wife, in 1915. The sons continued farming. Frank remained a bachelor, Walter married Jennie Anderson from Chesterton, August married Flora Crowe, from Jackson Twp., Harry

married Minnie Targgart from Chesterton, Arthur married Jessie Blachly from Kouts, and Elmer married Mabel Bainer of Hammond.

The sons bought 80 more acres in Center Twp., and 120 acres in Washington Twp., and continued farming.

All of these children of Charles and Nellie Johnson have passed on with the exception of Elmer, who with his wife Mabel, live on half of the original homestead acreage. They are both retired now, and Charles A. Johnson, a nephew, operates their farm, as well as his own and others. Four grandchildren of Charles and Nellie Johnson also live on parts of the homestead place.

The three sons of Arthur Johnson, Arthur Jr., Loren, and Eugene, farm several hundred acres in Washington Twp. with the latest equipment.

Of the sixteen grandchildren of Charles and Nellie Johnson born in Porter County, only three are living elsewhere.

We believe that Charles Johnson, who settled in Porter County more than one hundred years ago, and his descendants have contributed much to the agriculture progress of Porter County, Indiana.





THE PAUL R. JOHNSON FAMILY

Paul was the youngest, in a family of 11 children, born 1/30/1904, in Woodville, Porter Co. His father, Wm. Vincent Johnson, was a descendant of Ann and Wm. Thomas I, who settled and founded Chesterton, about the 1830's, and built the first church, school, store, Post Office and Inn. Wm. Johnson was Supt. of roads, and built the house and store where Paul grew up. In Woodville there was another store, Post Office, Creamery, and Nursery. The B.&O.R.R. train stopped there, where dairy farmers brought milk, to go to Chicago. Paul recalls the immigrant train accident, also another immigrant train with European women going to Chicago. Some men boarded the train, and chose wives. Paul's grandfather, Thomas Johnson, built the house where Irwin Pope now lives. Thomas took two sons, Wm. and Franklin, to the "opening of the Okla. Territory" and to Kansas. They went by horses and wagon and ferried the Miss. River. Alice Hineline Johnson's father, Wm. Hineline, came to Porter Co. in 1848. He sawed ties for the Lake Shore R.R. When young, Alice went by R.R. to Noble Co., Ind. Both Wm. and Alice were lifelong residents of Porter Co.

Paul studied at the General Electric School, Fort Wayne, where he met and married Dorothy Rowe. Dorothy traces her heritage to the Mayflower Chiltons, Capt. John Chilton, and to the Ball family including Geo. Washington. Also, through the Ream's family to Ind. Gov. Winfield T. Durbin, in the late 1800's.

Raymond, son of Paul and Dorothy, was born in Detroit, Mich., 1934, while Paul worked for the Ford Co. They soon returned to Porter Co., where Paul was employed by U. S. Steel for 34½ years. He built their present home in 1940. Sandra, a daughter, was born in 1944. Paul and his children were students at Liberty Twp. School.

Raymond earned a Bachelor's degree at Valparaiso Univ., and completed his Ph.D. at Western Reserve. He then moved to Washington, D. C., where he is now Sr. Scientist for American Institute of Research, with offices in Washington, D. C. and Geneva, Switzerland. His wife Freida is a budget analyst for U. S. Government. Sandra received her B.A. degree from Simmons College, Boston, and M.S. in Psychology at Rutgers U. She married Howard Kirkendall who is financial analyst with I.B.M. They live in New Rochelle, N. Y. with their two children, Brice and London. Sandra teaches children, and writes and performs with the "Silver Penny Puppets".

Dorothy Johnson has been active in community service and organizations, which honored her as "Woman of Distinction", 1961. She worked as a volunteer for the Red Cross, Porter Memorial Hospital, Church Women United, Federation of Women's Clubs, taught and directed Sunday School 22 years. The Johnsons are members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Since Paul's retirement, he and Dorothy enjoy trips, and in Florida he is an avid fisherman.

BIOGRAPHY OF LEONARD JOHNSON

I, Leonard Johnson, was born January 24, 1899 to Swedish parents, Albert and Hulda Johnson, in Pine Township near Beverly Shores, south of Hiway 12. One brother, George, died in infancy, and another brother, Arthur T. Johnson, was born March 31, 1896. I, Leonard, attended Pine Township schools for eight years, and Elston High in Michigan City for two years. I had to quit because of World War I.

My brother, Arthur, graduated from Elston High, and later from Augustana College, in Rock Island, Ill., in 1917. Arthur, with members of the college band, joined the U.S. Army as a unit. Arthur later transferred to the Signal Corps. He became First Lieutenant and was an observer on Reconnoissance Planes flying over Germany. He was shot down September 12, 1918, during the St. Mihiel drive at the town of Fluery, France. His body was returned three years later, and is buried in the Augusburg Church Cemetery in Porter.

I, Leonard, left the farm in the 1930's to become a masonry and concrete contractor, retiring in 1968.

In 1949, I married Lucile Wheeler, daughter of Raymond and Frances Wheeler of Valparaiso. She retired in 1956 after teaching school 33 years—32 in Pine Township. Her sister, Lenora E. Wheeler, a graduate of Michael Reese School of Nursing, was a Porter County School nurse, before joining the 5th Army stationed in England during World War II. We are living in the house that my father built in 1897, and enjoying retirement.

Submitted by Leonard Johnson
Beverly Shores, Indiana

LYNETTE JOHNSON

There are four people in the family. My dad's name is Phil and my mom's name is Joan. My sister's name is Luann and my name is Lynette.

My dad is a Real Estate Salesman and my mom is a Secretary. My sister is in the 8th grade and I am in the 5th grade. Both of my grandparents live in Porter County, so we stayed here too. When my sister and I were little, my dad farmed and we raised cattle.

We have lived on four farms. Now we are building a new house.

My mom plays piano for the Hopewell Singers and my dad drives their big bus. We go places and do things together and we are a happy family.

Lynette Johnson

JESSE JOHNSTON

Jesse Johnston was born June 10, 1808 in Rose County, Ohio and died May 28, 1895. His profession was a lawyer. He married Rebecca Pickett of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, on November 22, 1830. In the year 1834, they came to Porter County and settled at Twenty Mile Prairie, Ind. In 1851, they moved to LaPorte Avenue, then to Old Sac Trail. He was appointed the first Probate Judge of Porter County in 1836. Rebecca died June 5, 1864. They were the parents of six (6) daughters and five (5) sons.

Judge William Johnston was born February 14, 1842 in Porter County and died October 10, 1915, also in Porter County. On August 16, 1888, he married Maud McKeehan in Valparaiso, Indiana. Judge Johnston taught school to put himself through college. Graduated in 1866 from Asbury College (now DePauw University), Greencastel, as a lawyer. In 1889, he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Valparaiso. Maud McKeehan Johnston was born June 23, 1865 and died on April 13, 1923, in Chicago, Illinois. They were the parents of two (2) girls and two (2) boys.

William McKeehan Johnston was born on March 25, 1892 in Valparaiso, Indiana. He died October 17, 1957, also in Valparaiso. He married Pearle Cynthia Stoner in Valparaiso, March 21, 1917. He attended the local city schools and graduated twice from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. In 1913 he received a Literary Arts degree and received his Law degree in 1916. After practicing law for some years, he became Bailiff for Judge Charles Jensen in the Circuit Court. At the death of Judge Jensen, and the beginning of World War II, he went to work at McGills where he worked for a number of years. When Judge Jacob Fleshbein was elected to the bench of the Superior Court, William served as his Bailiff until his death in 1957. He also served as a volunteer fireman for many years. Pearle Cynthia Stoner Johnston was born in Valparaiso, February 25, 1889. They were the parents of one daughter, Deleha Maudette Johnston.

CHARLES J. KINGSBURY

The Charles J. Kingsbury family moved to Valparaiso from Rochelle, Illinois in February 1966. They bought the farmland of the George Carver family, from their daughter, Sadie Kennelly. The 12½ acre farm is located on Yellowstone Road next to the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks.

Charles J. Kingsbury is the Bureau Chief of the Valparaiso office of the Post Tribune. His wife, Mary Jean, is a teacher in the Valparaiso school system. Their sons, Kyle age 18 and Shannon 16, are students at the Valparaiso High School.

The farm home is listed in the Century Homes of the Porter County Bi-Centennial Committee, having been built in 1867.

KLEIST FAMILY

My family consists of five people.

I am Billie R. Kleist, I am 10 years old. I was born in Porter County in the town of Valparaiso and I have lived there all my life except for when we moved to Kouts in June, 1975.

My father, Melvin T. Kleist, age 29, was born and raised in Porter County near Valparaiso.

My mother, Connie R. Kleist, age 29, was born in Valparaiso and has lived there her entire life except for a brief period of time she spent in California.

My brother, Gregory J. Kleist, age 11, was born in Valparaiso and has lived there his entire life.

My sister, Jacqueline S. Kleist, age 7, was born in Valparaiso and has lived there her entire life.

When my grandmother was a little girl her family moved to Porter County from Tennessee. They moved here because of jobs.

KOSANKE BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME

KOUTS, INDIANA
1882 — 1976

A continuous successful business in its third generation having been established in 1882 by Ewalt R. Kosanke, who came to Kouts from Wanatah with his wife, the former Matilda Rosenbaum.

They raised a family of three sons, Herman F., William F., and Edward A., and three daughters, Mrs. Annette Humphrey, Mrs. Laura E. Wulf and Miss Anna Kosanke.

Ewalt built a building on the present site of the Kouts Hardware and there made and repaired furniture. When a village blacksmith died a mortician from Valparaiso had to come to Kouts by horse and wagon to take care of the funeral. At that time Ewalt was approached to take up the undertaking business in conjunction with his furniture making. He then made the caskets for his business.

His three sons followed him in the business. Herman, the eldest son who married Florence Wells, joined his father in business in the year 1900. They had three daughters, Mrs. Lucile Weninger, Mrs. Charolet Corson and Mrs. Mary McCuaig.

William, who married Clara Behrends, joined his father and brother in business in the year 1912. They had two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Bodecker and Mrs. Lorraine Britt.

Edward, the youngest of the sons, joined his brothers in the year 1924. He married Lena Lampl and they had one son, James, who presently operates the funeral home in Kouts.

James, who joined his father and two uncles in 1948, married Joan Edwards. They have one son, Edward J., and one daughter, Mrs. Sue Schoon, and a grandson, Anthony Schoon. A second son was born in March 1876 and was named Nicholas James.

For many years the Kosanke Brothers operated furniture and funeral business in the towns of Kouts, LaCrosse and Union Mills.

In 1941 a funeral chapel was built on the home site of the late Ewalt Kosanke, with additional improvements being made in the years of 1960 and 1964.

James and his wife Joan now live in the funeral home.

DOROTHY M. BOLLS KRAUSE AND CARL ALBERT OTTO KRAUSE

Carl Albert Otto Krause was born on June 23, 1911 to Albert Otto Krause and Frances Fell Krause. His father

was born and raised in Knox, Indiana and his mother was born in Monterey, Indiana.

Dorothy M. Bolles Krause was born October 30, 1908 in Lockport, Illinois, to Charles Bolles and Jesse Tupper. Charles Bolles was from the Lockport area and Jesse Tupper is a descendant of the Tupper family which was one of the founding families of Sandwich, Massachusetts.

They were married on July 16, 1932 in Gary, Indiana and resided in Hobart until October, 1941. At that time with their six children they moved to a farm in Jackson Township, Porter County, Indiana. For the total sum of $4,500 they purchased a farm containing 80 acres which included a house, barn and other farm buildings. Here the family lived until 1956. At that time they sold the farm with the exception of 40 acres of land on which a new home was built. Another home was built on a different portion of this land in 1971, and the house built in 1956 was sold.

Ten children were born to this couple including: Carl Daniel—June 22, 1933; Leslie H o w a r d—February 3, 1935; Richard William—July 28, 1936; Barbara Ann—March 7, 1938; Carol Frances—May 6, 1939; Jerry Michael —December 13, 1940; David Floyd— December 10, 1943; Evelyn Ruth — January 2, 1945; Albert Otto—January 24, 1949; and Gail Dorothy—October 12, 1952.

Carl worked for United States Steel in Gary, Indiana for 40 years, retiring in 1969. During that period of time he also farmed on a part-time basis.

KRIEGER FAMILY AREA FARMERS FOR 106 YEARS

Herman Kreiger came to Porter County from Germany in 1869. He married Mary Catherine Bearss about the middle of the 1870's. They raised 7 children: George H., Mae, Grace, Flora (Mrs. Jay Beem), Myron, Charles, and Zella (Mrs. Harvey Varner).

Myron died at age 17, Mae died in 1917 and Grace died in 1947. Flora died at age 89 in 1974. She had lived in Knox, Indiana, for more than 30 years. Her survivors were 10 children, 35 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

After farming several places in Porter Township, Herman bought a farm on Jenkens Road. In 1903 George H. bought a farm across the road. He built a house on it in 1911, when his father sold his farm to Charles and Laura (Aldendorf). When George married Jane E. Hawes of Ontario, Canada, in 1915 his father bought a 10 acre tract adjoining and moved there with his three daughters. Herman Kreiger died in 1921.

Charles and Laura raised 4 children: Herman, Dorothy (Mrs. James Clifford), Kathryn (Mrs. Ray Sawtell) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Al Holman of Indianapolis).

Herman farmed with his father. He married Carrie Meyer in 1945. They have one adopted son, John E. M., and two granddaughters. Herman sold part of the farm for a subdivision and raises draft horses and drives school bus for Boone Grove School.

John H. also farmed with his father. He married M. Eloise Born in 1942. They have 4 children—Thomas, Madelyn Jane (Mrs. Robert Pecor) and George F. and James.

Tom bought a farm on Boone Grove road. He farms part-time and works as an ironworker. George and Jim farm in partnership with John. They sell Chief grain bins and buildings on the side. Also Pfister's seed corn and beans. They also do some bulldozing and trenching. John has 8 grandchildren that are getting started in the family tradition—sand box farming.

Charles and George H. Kreiger both died in 1956 at ages of 69 and 78 respectively.

Zella Varner taught school until her marriage to Harvey Varner. They lived in Valparaiso and had four children: Jane (Mrs. Richard Ruge of Liberty Twp.), Harvey Jr., Betty and Malcolm (of Rochester, Minnesota).

DR. H. PAUL AND FLORENCE LACOUNT

Dr. H. Paul and Florence LaCount, descendants of Charles F. LaCount and Walter E. Atwell families, were born and reared in Porter County. The LaCount family was residents of Morgan Township while the Atwell family was residents of Porter Township.

Paul was educated in the local schools and Northwestern U. Dental School. He practiced dentistry in Valparaiso from 1923-1933 until his death January 30, 1933.

Florence attended our local schools and Ball State University. She retired in 1968 after thirty-three years of teaching in Porter County and Valparaiso Community School systems. She now resides in the home on Chicago Street, Valparaiso, which was purchased by her grandfather, W. T. Atwell, in 1913.

It is at this location where she reared two children born to her and Dr. Paul. Their son, Dr. Delmar Paul LaCount, who like his father was a graduate of Northwestern University Dental School, is a practicing dentist in Valparaiso. He served two years in the Army Air Force during World War II before entering private practice. He and his wife, Peggy Soderling LaCount, are parents of two daughters: Nancy Carole is a graduate of Indiana University and a teacher in special education. Suzanne is a student at Cincinnati University in the School of Design.

Virginia Mae, a daughter of Paul and Florence, is married to Don Valo. She is a graduate of Purdue University and a teacher in Junior High School at Sylvania, Ohio. They have one son, Thomas Scott Valo, who is a student at Ohio State University Dental School.

EARL F. LANDGREBE

Mr. Landgrebe owns and is actively involved in the operation of Landgrebe Motor Transport, Incorporated and Landgrebe and Son International Harvester Agency in Valparaiso, Indiana. He has been in the trucking business for over three decades.

He served in the Indiana General Assembly as a state senator for ten years from 1958 to 1968. In 1968 he was elected to the United States House of Representatives, serving in the 91st, 92nd and 93rd Congresses. Mr. Landgrebe's special committees were the District of Columbia and the Education and Labor Committee. He was a ranking minority member on the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Subcommittee on Agricultural Labor.

Mr. Landgrebe's commitment to the well-being of Porter County residents included active participation and service in organizations dedicated to public service: Porter County Guidance Clinic, United Cerebral Palsy of North-

west Indiana, Porter County Mental Health. He is a past president of the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, and is currently a member in good standing of the Rotary International.

Earl Landgrebe was born in Porter County, Indiana on January 21, 1916. He was married to the former Helen Field of Valparaiso, Indiana in 1936. They have two sons: Roger, who lives in Valparaiso and is a contributor to the family business; and Ron, who lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Landgrebe have three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Landgrebe are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Valparaiso.

AMY MAIRE LANSDOWNE

My name is Amy Marie Lansdowne. I was born on April 9, 1965, in Porter Memorial Hospital. I live in Kouts, Indiana. I attend fifth grade at Kouts school. I have a mother and a father and four sisters. My father's name is William Arnold Lansdowne. He was born in Valparaiso on February 24, 1931. My mother's name is Margaret Ann Fox Lansdowne. She was born in Hebron on August 20th, 1932.

My oldest sister's name is Peggy Lee Lansdowne, born December 19, 1952. My other sisters are Linda Sue Lansdowne, born August 3, 1957, and Paula Jean Lansdowne born September 29th, 1960. Also, Pamela Jane Lansdowne, born on September 29th, 1960.

Peggy's husband, Steven Gregory Redelman, was born February 29th, 1952, has become a resident in Porter County. It's a little town and is work is good and my father is a member of Kouts American Legion and my mother is a member of the Kouts Women's Auxiliary. The Kouts Christian Church is our church. Hebron Masonic Lodge I, B,E, w loboco 531.

PETER G. AND AGNES (JOHNSON) LARSON

My father was born September 28, 1891 in Ostre Ljunby Skine and came to the United States at the age of 17. He had attended a cabinet makers skola. His first job was at Lincoln park in Chicago. When he was 21, he joined the local carpenters union (Brotherhood) in Chicago, where he worked with various construction firms, as a carpenter, a foreman and finally as a Superintendent with the Ouimette Construction Associates. He worked on the Fine Arts Building, the Aragon and Drake Hotels, museum of Science and Industry, The Edgwater Beach Buildings and both World's Fairs, 1893 and 1930.

My mother was born in Smaland, Knifringa Bo Sweden, February 18th, 1873. She came to the home of her grandmother and bachelor uncle, Alfred Johnson, Uncle Alfred was the farmer and general overseer for Mrs. Francis Howe and Grandmother Marie Bailly. So mother grew up on the Bailly Homestead. At the age of 17, she went to Chicago to work as a maid in the home of a family from Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Ferguson loved mother very much and encouraged her to learn to read English. Both mother and father did not attend school here, but were anxious to learn. They both became masters at it.

Father became an expert with construction blue prints. He was most anxious to become an American citizen.

Mother and Dad were married after seven years courtship. The ceremony was performed by the Swedish Lutheran minister in the farmhouse where Mother had lived with Grandmother. It is a log house, now sided and the Warren Smith home across from the Goodfellow camp, moved north from it's original site.

There were seven children born to this family. Margaret, born in Chicago. She was a Westchester primary teacher for forty-eight years, 1919 to 1967.

Agnes, Mrs. E. Lewis, who lives in Knoxville, Tenn., Reginald, who married Dorothy Moulton, who lives in Porter, Ind. and is a construction superintendent. Myrtle, who passed away August 20, 1930. Erma, who died in an accident June 12, 1934. Mauritz (Fritz), who married Mrs. Foneta Charlson. He has three daughters, Mrs. Dick Michaels, Mrs. Arthur Montreuil, Mrs. Gene Royal, Harrison and Charles Charlson. Violet, who is an office secretary with National Tube, U.S. Steel.

Mother was confirmed in Augsburg Lutheran Church at Porter and the family has been Christened and confirmed there. John R. Larson, our Indiana State Representative of District 2, is the son of Reginald Larson. He is married to the former Judy Pifer and lives at 161 Sheffield, Valparaiso.

Peter and Agnes Larson returned to live in the brick house of the Bailly Homestead from Oct., 1907 to July 1911. They were very close to Frances Howe, Joseph Bailly's granddaughter. Mother passed away February 7, 1947 and Father died October 5, 1952 at the age of 80.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD H. LAUBE

The Laube family arrived in Valparaiso from St. Peter, Minnesota in 1957 in order for the breadwinner to become a faculty member at Valparaiso University. Both parents, however, had earlier exposure to the city as undergraduate students on the VU campus. The state of Iowa is the mother's home, while the father was born in Kankakee, Illinois.

The family has four female offspring: Patricia (now Mrs. Roger D. Sims of Munster with three children), Lois (serving as a reference librarian at the main library in Indianapolis), Mary (now Mrs. William D. Davis of Valparaiso with one child and is a teacher in a local day-care unit), and Marie (now Mrs. Rudy Higgins, no children, an elementary teacher in the Lowell, Indiana, system). All four girls are Valparaiso University graduates.

Our mother, Ruth, is a teacher in the business department of the local high school. She is active in PEO, Faculty Women's Club, the University Guild and Immanuel Lutheran Church and a VU graduate.

Our father, Dick, is now serving as Dean, College of Business Administration, Valparaiso University. He is a vice president of the Rotary Club, chairman of the (city) Board of Zoning Appeals, Chamber of Commerce member, and Porter County Bicentennial committee member. In addition to the VU undergraduate degree, he holds a Masters Degree from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska.

LEDFORD

My name is Spencer Ledford. I have a family of six. I have two brothers and two sisters. My brothers and sisters names are Curtis—9 and Stewart—15, my sisters are Diane—16 and Colleen —18. I am 11. My mom, Phyllis, is 40 and my dad, Jim, is 43. My mom and dad own a recreation center. We moved here because my dad's hearing-aid business brought us here. We lived in California before we moved here. I was six years old when we moved here. When we lived in California, my dad travelled.



THE MICHAEL H. LEMOND FAMILY

"East is east and west is west and never the twain shall meet" goes the old saying. But east and west have met to form the Michael Family. Michael, the son of Mrs. Frances Lemond presently of West Lafayette, Indiana, was born in San Pedro, California. Linda was born in New York where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Noble, are still living.

Michael spent most of his boyhood in Battleground and Lafayette after his family moved from California back to the home state of Indiana in 1947. His family consisted of his parents, brothers William, Edward, Robert, James, and John, and sister Judy. Mike graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School where he had played both football and baseball. He attended Purdue University and received his bachelor's degree in 1966. He taught at Danville, Illinois for a semester before taking a teaching and coaching position at Lowell High School.

Linda grew up in Glendale, a small town in the borough of Queens. She has one brother, Richard, who now lives on Long Island with his wife Susan and their children Richard and Sharon. Linda graduated from Martin Luther High School and decided to try the Hoosier hospitality by coming to Valparaiso University. She began her student teaching semester in February of 1970 at Lowell High School. There she met Mike.

They were married in August of that year at the Gloria Christi chapel in Valparaiso. Mike had taken a new teaching-coaching position at Portage High School and Linda began teaching Seventh Grade English at Portage's Wallace Aylesworth Middle School. Mike now teaches government and economics and coaches football under head coach Les Klein (who was also head coach at Lowell). Mike is also head golf coach.

Linda taught at Aylesworth for three years and then went to Virgil I. Grissom Middle School when it first opened. She taught seventh and eighth grade English, headed the Language Arts department, and coached the Drama Club. She didn't complete her first year at Grissom, however, when a new citizen was added to the Porter County population. Melissa Lyn was born May 11, 1975 at Porter Memorial Hospital.

On this Bicentennial the Lemonds extend best wishes and greetings to all their fellow Americans, especially those in Porter County.

ELMER LEMSTER

The history of the Elmer Lemster family in Porter County goes back to the time when his father, Thomas Lemster, came from Germany as a young boy. Soon after his mariage in 1882 to Louise Wagenknecht, Thomas built the home at 410 E. Lincolnway where in 1897 Elmer Christopher Lemster was born and where some years later, Elmer's son, Robert Thomas Lemster also was born. The other child of Elmer and his Chicago-born wife, Lillian nee Rezac, is Barbara Louise Lemster, now Mrs. Wm. Tanke of Valparaiso.

Elmer Lemster learned the brick mason trade of his father and there are a number of brick houses and buildings in this area which are their work. In 1940 Elmer ran for the office of County



Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lemster

Treasurer, won the election and served two terms. In 1946 and 47 he managed the Dunes State Park Pavilion and hotel. In 1958 he was elected to the office of County Recorder and served two terms in that office. He completed his political career by serving two terms on the Porter County Council. He has also served as treasurer of the Porter County Republican Committee.

Their Valparaiso residence since leaving the large house on Lincolnway is at 505 Institute. Mr. Lemster passed away shortly before the publication of this book.

WILLIAM LEMSTER FAMILY

Our family history for 1976 is as follows:

Descendants of William and Augusta Moehller Lemster: William L. Lemster —Lifetime resident of Center Township, whose maternal and paternal grandparents came from Germany over 100 years ago. Educated in Porter County schools. Employed at Valparaiso University.

Carrie Shupe Lemster—wife—came to Porter County in 1929 from Kentucky. Maternal and paternal grandparents from Old Virginia. Graduated from Valpo High and attended Valparaiso University. Employed on food staff at Valparaiso University. Descendant of Patrick Henry. Great-great-grandmother was Dulcena Jane Henry, who was married to Joseph Patrick Powell.

Children and Grandchildren:

1. Marilynn Lemster Krause, wife of

Les. H. Krause. Graduate of Valparaiso High—Les graduated from Purdue U. She is employed at McGill Manufacturing Co. They have two small children, Kurt and Kristine.

2. Karen Lemster Brown—wife of Air Force S. Sgt. George W. Brown, is in Japan. Graduate of Valparaiso High and majored in Art and U. S. History at V.U. and Indiana U. They have three small children, Brenda, Jennifer and Eric.

3. Douglas N. Lemster, unmarried and presently in his second year at Valparaiso Technical Institute. Graduate of Valpo High. Namesake of Douglas N. Hoback.

The Lemster Farm will be the site of a Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 in tribute to the horse-drawn and hand-tool farmer. Old fashion picnics, wagon rides, square dancing, soap making, carding and spinning wool, making apple butter, and cider making. A cobweb extracts museum, and corn roast will be enjoyed.

Many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were farmers. This will be a summer-long celebration with the help of the neighborhood.

LEPELL FAMILY

Nelia Shade in 1893 married George LePell. This marriage is the largest amount of generations in Valparaiso. George LePell's parents lived in Valparaiso but no records were made or found at what year they moved to Valparaiso. George had two brothers: Otto LePell, who was one of the first firemen. The LePell family was given the first fire bell. It was later given back to the fire department, where it should be today. The other brother was Frank LePell, who was an undertaker for years in Valpo. These two brothers also owned one of the first furniture stores in Valparaiso. George LePell was the first conductor of the first street car in Valparaiso on July 4, 1910. George and Nellie had four children: Roy, who is retired and lives in California; Ernie, who was a magician for years in the area and now lives in Hobart; Bertha, who died in 1970, and Margaret, who married Tracy Havens, a local orchestra leader. They had three kids: Elaine, Shirly, and Rochelle. Today, they are all married with families here in Porter County. Margaret today is a great-great-grandma and remarried to George Long, who once owned a clock shop in Valparaiso. They now live in Chesterton.

Submitted by Rocky Bartholt and Margaret Long

ALLEN B. LUDINGTON, SR.

Allen B. Ludington, Sr., born July 22, 1919, the fourth of ten children born to Eber J. and Bertha Dittman Fisher Ludington. Eber Ludington was the son of James and Elizabeth Gilbert Ludington. James was the son of David and Elizabeth Edwards Ludington, who homesteaded in Porter Township, Porter County, in the early 1800's.

On March 14, 1942, Allen was married to Vivian E. McLaughlin, born in Valparaiso, June 13, 1924, to Charles and Elsie Shinabarger McLaughlin.

Allen and Vivian Ludington are the parents of five children, Catherine E. Ludington Keen, born April 8, 1943; Allen Bennett Ludington, Jr., born April 10, 1945; Dennis Wayne Ludington, born July 17, 1947; Barbara Ann Ludington, born May 29, 1954; and Beverly Diane, born November 22, 1956.

Family membership is with First Baptist Church of Valparaiso. Allen Ludington, Sr. is employed at Sears Roebuck in the Customer Service Department, and has been active in Boy Scouts of America for over 25 years.



Florence Baird Ludington

FLORENCE BAIRD LUDINGTON

Florence Baird Ludington, the only child of Lewis F. and Elisabeth Alice Baird, was born Jan. 15, 1884, on a farm north east of Boone Grove, Ind. We lived there until April 1891 when my folks moved to Boone Grove. My father, Lewis Fluke Baird, was born Oct. 12, 1839, in Wayne Co., Ohio. He married Cevilla Garman and they had three children, Henry, Howard, and Viola. Cevilla died and was buried in Wayne Co., Ohio. His 2nd wife Eunice Funk died within a year of heart trouble. On Jan. 31, 1883, he married Elisabeth Alice Campbell, she was born Nov. 2, 1853 near Wauseon, Ohio.

I graduated from Boone Grove High School in 1902. On Sept. 25, 1906 I married Dick Carlton Ludington. Dick was born April 9, 1882, the eldest son of Joseph Daniel and Samantha Jones Ludington, and passed away Aug. 28, 1933. He had a brother Clarence and a sister Anne Mary.

We had two sons Maurice Baird and Lawrence Dale. Maurice was born Dec. 22, 1908 and married Frances May Perrill on Oct. 11, 1931. They live 3 miles north west of Boone Grove in the house that Maurice was born. They have three daughters. Lawrence was born Aug. 13, 1916 and married Mary Alice Waldorph on Sept. 6, 1936. They live in Boone Grove in the house his Grandfather Joseph Ludington built in 1916. They have three children. I am a member of the Boone Grove Christian Church, in the last 20 years I have missed two Sundays on the account of sickness. My activities include Esther Circle, Church Fellowship and Senior Citizens Golden Year Club. I have also kept a diary since 1902. In the last 7 years I have made comforters for each one of my six grand and twelve great grandchildren. I reside in Boone Grove with my son Lawrence and at ninety-one I am still leading an active life. This summer, 1975, I journeyed by car to Florida and Ohio visiting relatives.

JOHN W. LUDINGTON

John W. Ludington, son of Ross and Blanche (Rigg) Ludington was born

August 9, 1913 north of Boone Grove, Indiana. He later moved with his parents and family to a farm south of Boone Grove, Indiana in Porter Township.

He married Virginia Garriott, daughter of Clarence and Ferne (Casey) Garriott, of Morgan Township on August 15, 1936. Virginia attended for first 4 years of her schooling a one room school, Rising Sun, which was located on farm her parents later purchased. They rented Fanny Vergin's house in Boone Grove for 7½ years. They moved to Valparaiso in October 1944, they had purchased the home at 1005 Wood St. In 1951 they sold the Wood St. home and moved to 1104 Institute where they now reside.

John is a carpenter by trade, and he added two lovely bedrooms to their present home as well as many other improvements he made for property, building garage, picket fence, drive, etc. He is the founder and owner of Valparaiso Window Service, besides carpentry he is a Dealer for Aluminum Windows, Doors, and Awnings, also installs them. He has roofed many homes in Valparaiso and nearby. He is also an employee of Indiana General, Valparaiso.

His wife, Virginia, was an Avon Representative for 12 years as well as a Team Captain for Avon Products, Inc. She is an office girl for her husband and loves her homemaking, filowers, and garden.

They are both members of First Christian Church of Valparaiso. John is a member of Masonic Lodge #137 F.A.M. and Scottish Rite of South Bend. John is also a Farm Bureau member.

They are the parents of four children, Marvin Wallace who married Judy Doepping and resides at 1716 Beech St. Valparaiso and Susan Jan, at home and an Avon Representative. Two sons, Ronald Eugene and Jerry Alan passed away in infancy. They are the grandparents of twins, Mark and Marcy Ludington.

LAWRENCE LUDINGTON FAMILY

Lawrence Dale and Mary Alice (Waldorph) Ludington were married September 6, 1936 and have lived their entire lives in Porter County. Lawrence is the second son of Dick C. and Florence (Baird) Ludington. Mary Alice is fifth child of Harry D. and Lottie A. (Hicks) Waldorph.

Lawrence has worked for Chester Hybrids, has owned his own business, and has farmed some. He now works for McGills in Valparaiso.

They have three children—Linda Jean born in 1942, Kathy Sue in 1952, and James Kent in 1959. Their daughter, Linda Henson, has five children. Tammy Jean was born in 1958, Terri Lee in 1960, Robert Lawrence in 1965, Tracy Lynn in 1966, and Krista Kay in 1969.

Kathy graduated from Boone Grove High School and attended Ball State University. James is a junior at Boone Grove and attends Vocational School in Valparaiso.

Lawrence attended Boone Grove all twelve years and graduated in 1934. Mary Alice also graduated from Boone Grove in 1934 but attended Gardner, Central, and nearly three years of High School in Valparaiso.

They are active in the Boone Grove Christian Church. Mary Alice belongs to the Porter Twp. Homemakers, Lawrence is a volunteer fireman. Both belong to the school's P.T.O. Lawrence is a member of the Advisory Board and therefore is very interested in the growth and activities of the school.

MAURICE BAIRD LUDINGTON

Born Dec. 22, 1908, on the 154 acre farm where he now resides, three miles north west of Boone Grove, Ind.

The son of Dick Carlton and Florence Baird Ludington. His brother Lawrence lives in Boone Grove. Maurice grew up in the Boone Grove Community participating in all its activities, his favorite was basketball. He graduated in 1927 from Boone Grove High School with three other classmates. On Oct. 11, 1931 he married Frances May Perrill. The 2nd child of Earl Doolin and Matilda Ann Gathman Perrill. Frances had two sisters Ethel Irene, Fred G. and one brother Oliver Burton.

Frances was born Jan. 13, 1907 at Shelbyville, Ind. She graduated from Wiley High School in 1924 and attended Indiana State Teachers College in Terre Haute, Ind. She came to Porter County to teach at the Boone Grove High School in 1930.

They have three daughters Carolyn Ann, Juanita Diane and Sandra Louise. Carolyn was born March 29, 1935 and married Floyd Curtis Hood on May 3, 1952, they have three children. Juanita was born Jan. 21, 1938 and married Dean Albert Houpt on Oct. 19, 1957, they have one son. Sandra was born Sept. 25, 1944 and married Robert Daniel Taylor on July 11, 1964, they have three children.

They are members of the Boone Grove Christian Church. Maurice has been not only a farmer, but also, a salesman, carpenter, and he retired from Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Plant Protection. They now enjoy reading, travelling, rock collecting and geneology.



Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ludington

JOHN B. LUNDBERG

John B. Lundberg was born Jan. 31, 1840 in Sweden and was one of seven children born to Charles and Eva C. Lundberg. When John Lundberg was twelve years old his father and step mother brought him to Chicago. They settled on the south side in an area called Cheltenham. He related having to carry water from Lake Michigan to his home every day, a distance of about eight city blocks. The hand wrought copper bucket used is still owned by his descendants.

In 1866 Mr. Lundberg came to Chesterton, formerly called Calumet. At that time the population was just over 300. Most of the citizens were Irish. There were nineteen places where liquor was sold. The Central House was the only hotel, having moved to Chesterton from City West.

John Lundberg had learned cabinet making in Chicago and began a furniture business. Along with this business he erected a turning factory and expected to furnish turned work for the Chicago market. However after four years the buildings burned. He rebuilt them and in addition went into the broom handle business. He also bought land, cutting and shipping the timber.

In 1875 he sold these interests and confined himself to "Furniture and Undertaking". In 1882 he built a brick front building just north of the Old Town Hall building. This structure withstood the fire that razed more of the east side of of Calumet Road from the Livery Stable (now the Standard Oil Station) to the south wall of the Lundberg building.

Being a cabinet maker, Mr. Lundberg designed and made to order the coffins used in the business. He owned three hearses, black, grey and white, all horsedrawn. Several of his horses were stabled at his home at 4th and Indiana and others were rented from the local livery stable. At funerals Mr. Lundberg wore a top hat and formal mourning attire.

In some of the advertisements for the furniture business in 1898 he listed "Large stocks of carpets, window shades, sewing machines and supplies and urged the ladies to "remember his carpets and straw matting".

At holiday time he carried a stock of toys and delivered to homes in the area on Christmas eve. Mrs. Harrington, his granddaughter remembers being allowed to ride in the sleigh or wagon on those deliveries. Many families in the Chesterton area still own furniture purchased from him, some of it made by him. Rose Bailey Howe was one of his customers.

Mr. Lundberg belonged to the Chicago Swedish Society for the promotion of education, charity etc. He was a Mason having taken all of the Blue Lodge Degrees. He was Township Trustee for six years and Township Assessor for four years. He was a Republican and later became a member of the National Party.

The Swedish Methodist Church of Chesterton was organized January 26, 1879. Their building was built in 1880 at a cost of $600. At first there were twelve members, later growing to forty five. All of the members were Swedish with the exception of Mrs. John B. Lundberg. The first trustees of the Church were August Melin, August Peterson and John B. Lundberg.

In the spring of 1871 Mr. Lundberg married Phoebe A. Hammond, a native of New York. To this union two children were born, one dying in infancy, the other Eva Christine. Miss Lundberg was active in the affairs of the community. She attended Northwestern School of Music and was an accomplished musician. In 1902 Eva C. Lundberg married Hallard A. Flynn, a native of Rensselear, Indiana. Mr. Flynn became active in the business and after Mr. Lundberg's death operated the firm "Flynn Lundberg Co."

The Flynns were active in the Order of the Eastern Star, Mr. Flynn having served as Worthy Grand Patron of the State of Indiana. He was also active in the affairs of the Indiana Funeral Director's Association, serving as president of that organization for one term. He was an ardent, active Republican although he did support Teddy Roosevelt and the Bull Moose Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn had two children, Ione and John Emerson. John E. formerly of San Francisco is deceased. Ione, now Mrs. Edwin D. Harrington, resides in Chesterton. Two great grandchildren of John B. Lundberg also survive, children of John E. Flynn, Mrs. Robert Bibler (Jaclyn) of Daytona Beach, Florida and John Foster Flynn of Phoenix, Arizona.

Some of the historical data regarding John B. Lundberg was taken from "Counties Porter and Lake" published in 1882. A copy of this book with John B. Lundbergs signature on the fly leaf is now owned by Ione Harrington.

MARGIE ANN MAST

I am Margie Ann Mast. I have one brother and one sister. My sister is 20 and is a junior at Goshen College, she is studying to be a nurse. Her name is Donna Rae Mast. My brother is Lonnie Eugene Mast, he is a Sophomore at Kouts High School. He is fifteen years old. My mother is Dorothy Alice Mast. She is the daughter of Lela and Olen Reinhart. She was born at LaCrosse. When she was 1 year old they moved to a farm south of Kouts. She moved to Elkart where she met my father. My father's name is Raymond J. Mast he is the son of Amanda and Joseph. He lived in Valparaiso all his life until he met my mother. He lived on a farm. My father was a carpenter and was going to go in partnership with my uncle, thats why he moved to Kouts. Now I will tell you about me. On December 5, 1964 I was born in Porter Memorial Hospital. I am 10 years old and very happy to live in Kouts. I am almost sure that anyone is very pleased to live in Kouts, that lives in Kouts.

EDWARD MAXWELL

Edward Maxwell was born in 1840 on a farm in LaPorte County, son of John and Dorinda Maxwell, who came to this country from Dublin, Irleand in 1830. They later moved to a farm in Pleasant Twp. one and one-half mile north of Kouts, living with his family and farmed the home place.

Later, he and his bride Mary Ann Robison resided on their own farm of 120 acres also located in Pleasant Twp., his wife Mary Ann preceeded him in death in 1899 leaving a family of six children ranging from age fifteen to three years old, he keeping the family home together.

We all attended the old Five Point School located just north-west of Kouts, later being destroyed by a tornado. As children I recall watching the first auto

cars that were in this area and wondering who was more frightened, our pet pony or us children. They sure were a strange sight to all of us.

Oscar Maxwell operated a Livery Stable, a Service Station and drove an Oil Truck and School Bus for many years in Kouts. He was president of the Kouts town board and when State Highway 49 was paved through Kouts Oscar cut the ribbon opening the paved main street. Oscar also was the first to make a phone call when the dial system was connected. He passed away in 1973, leaving a daughter, Rose Kniefel, and a son, Cecil, both residing in Kouts. His family also consists of four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burney Maxwell, the third son was a veteran of World War I and a charter member of Kouts American Legion Post 301. Burney served as Sheriff of Porter County Jan. 1, 1929 until Jan. 1, 1933. He then lived on his farm in Pleasant Twpm., where he farmed for a number of years. Later moving into Kouts he served as plant guard at Kingsburg Ordinance Plant during World War II. At the time of his death in 1969 he was Justice of Peace of Pleasant Twp. Burney Maxwell left one stepson, Howard Bailey of Hebron, four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The oldest daughter of the Edward Maxwell family, Mabel Knoll, passed away in 1957 leaving one daughter, Rubie Oakley of Rensselaer, two grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Ovid Maxwell spent his entire life in and around Kouts working as a farm hand. He passed away in 1959.

The youngest daughter, Maria Weiberg, passed away in 1952 after living in the Kouts area many of her years. Left in this branch of the Maxwell family is one daughter, Doris Preden of Cedar Lake, and a son, Burney Weiberg of Wisconsin, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Fanny Maxwell Vergin the only living member of this family was married to Harry Vergin, residing mostly in Porter Twp. on their farm. Mr. Vergin passed away in 1937. Mrs. Vergin has one son, Jerrold L. of Valparaiso, and one daughter, Vera Hough of Hebron, three grandchildren, Donald Vergin, Ronald Hough, and Bobbie Clinton, and 9 great-grandchildren.

THE EDWARD P. AND LENNA (BOWERS) MAXWELL FAMILY

The grandparents of Edward P. Maxwell, John and Dorinda (Morrison) Maxwell, came to La Porte County from Dublin, Ireland in 1837, and moved to Porter County in 1842, the first of six generations to live in Porter County. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom spent their entire lives as farmers in south Porter County.

Arthur, the third child of this family, (born November 22, 1837—died May 24, 1907) is the father of Edward P. Maxwell who married Mary Jane Baum of Morgan Township on March 26, 1862. Both are buried in Adams Cemetery, Morgan Township.

Edward Maxwell, born December 1, 1876, and died April 7, 1950 was the eighth of ten children of Arthur and Mary Jane Maxwell. On March 31, 1903, he married Lenna Bowers, also of Morgan Township. Their children are:

Gladys, (Mrs. George Anderson) a retired school teacher who now lives in is Munster, Indiana and is the mother of Maxwell of Arlington Heights, Ill., Edward of Highland, Indiana, and Jane, (Mrs. James Carlson) of Valparaiso.

Hazel, a retired nurse and former administrator of Porter Memorial Hospital, married G. Warren Phillips of Valparaiso in 1945, the father of George, Joan and Nancy.

Marion, a son, was born October 21, 1905 and died July 24, 1954. He spent his lifetime farming in Morgan Township, and on May 20, 1933, married Alice Phillips of Porter Township who continues to reside in Valparaiso. Two sons and a daughter all live in Porter County; namely,

Philip A. Maxwell, the eldest, is a graduate of Purdue University. On June 15, 1958 he married Jane Smoker of Wanatah; they reside three miles south east of Valparaiso. He is a farmer, active in farm, Church and community organizations. In 1970 he was designated as one of the Outstanding Farmers of the U.S.A. They are the parents of two daughters, Cheri and Debra, and a son, Mark.

Mary Alice (Maxwell) Dolhover, is a graduate of Ball State University, and a former teacher in the Valparaiso and Porter Township schools. She married Richard Dolhover on December 22, 1963, and they live on the Dolhover farm in Porter Township where Dick combines farming with work at Midwest Steel. They have a son, Michael, and a daughter, Sue Ann.

John Maxwell, the younger son, is a graduate of Purdue University. On December 17, 1966, he married Darlene Birky of Pleasant Township. In 1968 they purchased the farm of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Phillips of Porter Township, a farm which was formerly owned by his great-grandfather. John and Darlene are the parents of Matthew and Andrew. John is active in farm, Church, and community affairs.

All three families have been active in the support of the First Christian Church.

DR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE T. MCAFEE

Dr. Lawrence T. McAfee and his wife Patricia Lynn Helper McAfee are proud to be numbered among the citizens of Valparaiso. They particularly like the friendly atmosphere, the way that most people welcome the "first name basis" relationships. They are also pleased with the open areas where it is common to tend gardens and keep pets. Each year the smooth operation of the Porter County Fair reaffirms their confidence in the county-wide cooperation that typifies all residents of Porter County.

Lawrence T. McAfee is one of six children born to Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McAfee in Valparaiso. He attended grade school here and graduated from Valparaiso High School. After six years to secure his D.V.M. at Purdue University, he set up a practice in Florida. After a year there he spent two years practicing in San Diego, California, before returning to Valparaiso in July 1975 to work in partnership with his father.

Patricia Lynn is a Gary Andrean High School graduate. Her BS and MS at Purdue University qualify her as a professional speech pathologist. The McAfees are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

JOHN AND MARY (CLIFFORD) MCAULIFFE

John and Mary (Clifford) McAuliffe were married in Union Township. To this union twelve (12) children were born. There were six boys and six girls. Some of these children stayed in Union Township to farm, while the others moved away.

Florence McAuliffe, one of those who stayed, married Katharine Cronican, a schoolteacher in 1890. Six children were born to Katharine and Florence. Of these, Paul, William, and Katharine are now deceased. The others, Leo, of Valparaiso; Frank, of Union Township; and Mary (McNamara), of South Dakota, are still living.

Frank has one daughter, Jeanne, and four grandchildren. Jeanne and her grandchildren. Jeanne and her family make their home in Valparaiso.

William had one son, Donald, a 1963 graduate of Wheeler High School. Donald's son, Stephen, a fourth generation of McAuliffes, presently attends Union Center Elementary School.

The Cronican farm, located on U.S. 30, is now a part of the beautiful and scenic Shorewood Forest.

During the construction of U.S. Highway 30 back in 1939, sections of the McAuliffe farm had to be appropriated for this use.

Through the years the McAuliffe families have been parishioners of St. Paul Catholic Church.

Submitted by Viola McAuliffe

MCGILL

Charles Archibald McGill, second son of Robert McGill, was born near Saegerstown, Pennsylvania, June, 1829. He was married to Mary F. Brownell at Hebron, Indiana in June, 1863. They have two children, a daughter, and a son James Henry McGill (November 13, 1969) James Henry McGill died April 26, 1948.

James H. McGill was married to Fanny Skinner (11/25/74) on November 25, 1897. They had five children, Charles S. (August 28, 1898), Rachel A. (May 23, 1900), Robert A. (November 21, 1903), Marjorie (March 30, 1907) and Mary Alice (November 19, 1913).

Charles S. McGill was married to Mary A. Crosby, daughter of Cora Belle Field (1874) and Garland Vanness Crosby on August 15, 1922. They had two children, Mary Margaret (October 10, 1923) and James C. (May 8, 1928). Mary Margaret (Molly) was married to Stanley G. Christian October 7, 1944. They had two children, Charles J. (March 30, 1946) and Susan Mary (November 18, 1948). Charles J. was married to Kathleen Haney April 22, 1972. They have one daughter, Kara Gillian Christian, born July 25, 1975. Susan Mary Christian was married to Albert N. Steele, Jr. October 5, 1974.

James C. McGill was married to Johanna Bauer November 28, 1951. They have three children, Margaret Crosby McGill (August 14, 1953), Catherine Bauer McGill (April 26, 1955) and Charles Walter McGill (May 10, 1958).

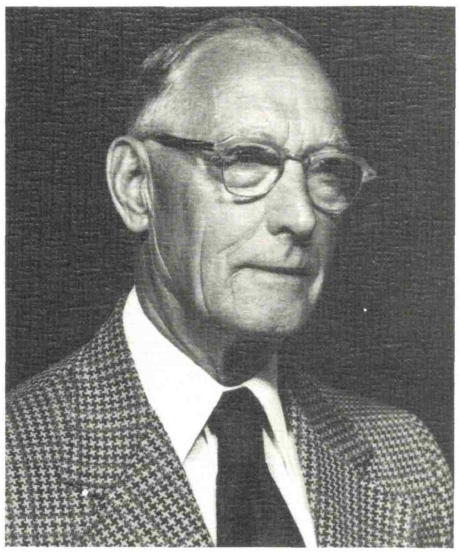
McGill Manufacturing Company, Inc. was founded near the turn of the century by the late James H. McGill in Chicago and moved to Valparaiso in 1905. The original name was The Crescent Company. The first products were essentials of the growing electrical industry such as lamp bulb guards, cord spools, drop cord adjusters, socket handles, baby gasoline torches, coloring fluid for bulbs, etc. The well-known line of Levolier switches was developed in 1918 along with the beginning of what is now the most complete line of quality stationary and portable lamp guards on the market today.

In the 1920's the McGill Metal Company was formed and made cast bronze precision ball retainers for ball bearings. In 1925 the Bearing Division was added to the company. From this beginning, came such well known trade name bearings such as MULTIROL, GUIDEROL, CAGEROL, SPHERE-ROL and NYLA-K.

The Electrical Division has expanded its product line with the addition of toggle, snap-action, rocker and push button switches as well as lamp guards, sockets, cord reels, bench lights and lamp changers. Recently McGill invaded the original equipment market, putting switches on a multitude of highly respected electrical products, including washers, dryers, ovens, fans, power tools, blenders, etc.

Since its beginning in 1905, the McGill Company has grown steadily. Today almost 1300 people in the Valparaiso, Culver and Monticello, Indiana areas take part in the production of McGill bearings and electrical products in four modern well-equipped plants. Combined sales of both Electrical and Bearing Divisions are over $40 million.

Like his father, for many years Charles S. McGill headed up the operations of the company. In February, 1976, he retired as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and was succeeded by his son, James C. McGill. At the present time, Charles S. McGill is Chairman of the Executive Committe of the company.



ROBERT S. MCGINLEY

Robert S. McGinley, resident of Hebron, Boone Township, was born in Porter County Indiana in 1901. His parents the Robert L. McGinley's resided in Union Township. Robert L.'s parents migrated to Indiana from Knox County, Ohio.

Robert S. McGinley grew to manhood in rural Porter Township, residing on a farm near Hurlburt. Robert has seen and been a part of the historical changes of Porter County. He served his country in World War I in Overseas Battalion A-73 Artillery. In May, 1923 he was married to Ruth Pauline Maxwell, (now deceased) whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. Lenzo Maxwell, residents of Porter Township. To them were born three daughters who grew to adulthood and married local citizens. They presently live in local communities. Their names are, Geraldine (Mrs. Theodore Weiss) of Valparaiso, Betty

(Mrs. Leslie Williams) of Valparaiso, and Carol (Mrs. Arthur L. Lageveen) of De Motte.

Mr. McGinley holds membership in Masonic Lodge 502 of Hebron and served as Master in 1944. He presently is a member of the Hebron United Methodist Church.

On November 24, 1935, Mr. McGinley began employment at Citizens Bank of Hebron and has continued through the years to hold the office of President (1974-75). The Citizens Bank merged with the First National Bank of Valparaiso in 1975 after serving the Hebron community for a period of 85 years. During his time with the Citizens Bank a new building, the present one, was completed and an Open House was held on May 20, 1956. In September 1964 the bank observed its 75th year of continuous service to the community with an open house.

Mr. McGinley is presently active in community affairs and serving his business establishment for the betterment of a growing Porter County.

CHARLES MCMURTRY

Charles McMurtry came to Porter County in 1929 when he married Leola Bickel, daughter of John Bickel and Ava (Campbell) Bickel. The Bickel and Campbell families were among the early settlers of Porter County.

Charles and Leola were both graduates of DePauw University, and both taught at Boone Grove during the 1929-30 school year. In 1930 they moved to Kouts where they resided for 21 years. During these years Charles was teacher and principal in the Kouts School. He later was elementary supervisor in the Portage Township Schools and the Porter County Schools and succeeded M. E. Dinsmoore as County School Superintendent (1962-69).

Myrna McMurtry, eldest daughter of Charles and Leola, graduated from Kouts high school, received her B. S. and M. S. degrees from Indiana University, taught in LaPorte and Valparaiso Community Schools and at present (1975) is elementary reading consultant for the Valparaiso Community Schools.

Janet (McMurtry) Webber also received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Indiana University, taught school in Hobart. She married Bruce Webber. They presently live in Hobart and have two daughters, Karen and Laura.

Martha (McMurtry) Christina graduated from Indiana University and married John Christina, professor of Spanish at Brown University and then Boston University. They presently live in Bristol, Rhode Island and have two daughters, Rachel and Margot.

Submitted by Myrna McMurtry

HARRY B. MILLER FAMILY

Submitted by: Dale Edwin & Jacquelyn Marie (Miller) Sterling and children, Cynthia Marie & Dale Edwin, Jr. (Skip)

Harry B. Miller, born in Lynchburg, Virginia, December 3, 1902, and Marie Anne (Carroll) Miller, born in Chicago, Illinois, September 17, 1913, moved from the Robertsdale section of Hammond, Indiana, to a 55 acre farm in Jackson Township in 1935. The farm was located on the present Road 400 East at the Baltimore Railroad and said location was called Stell's Crossing: a milk station. The house was a two story log cabin with dining room and kitchen added on. There being no electrical power in the whole of Jackson Twp. At that time, they purchased an electric wind charging system and all equipment in the home to meet the voltage of the charging unit.

The Millers including daughters, Jeanne and Carole moved the next year to Liberty Twp. Namely ¼ mile east of Babcock Road on U.S. Highway # 6 (Dalys Grove) later changing the name to Wayside Park. They built cottages for tourists, a sandwich shop and service station, at that time it was a show place of beauty. It was here that their third daughter, Jackie, was born. In 1940 "The Miller Clan" purchased and built a home and business about 1 mile east of Wayside Park on the south side of Highway 6. A tornado came along to completely demolish every building except a steel building where everyone was huddled inside. They gradually rebuilt all buildings as they stand today. In 1947 brother Mic came along. Our Jon, who is now a student at Valparaiso University, was born in 1957.

Harry was Republican Precinct Committeeman of Precinct I for many years. He also served as Justice of the Peace for 8 years. He was organizer and founder of the Liberty Twp. Volunteer Fire Department and was elected president and served two terms. He was also Fire Inspector for three terms.

The Miller family has been very active in Masonic organizations. Harry again was the organizer of Valparaiso Bethel #54, International Order of Jobs Daughters and was their first associate guardian. He also organized the Chesterton Bethel 80 in this area, and many others in surrounding northwest Indiana. Jeanne, Carole, and Jackie are all past honored queens of Bethel #54. Jeanne and Jackie have both served as worthy matron for Chesterton Chapter #274 Order of the Eastern Star, with their father serving as their worthy patron.

The other Masonic affiliations are too numerous to mention. All of the Miller children attended and graduated from the Liberty Township High School.

Mother, Marie Anne, is a direct descendant of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence.



THE MILLERS

The Millers—Sterling, Barbara, Beth, and Amy moved to Valparaiso in 1966 from Miller (Gary). The area promised a good atmosphere in which to live, and Sterling had accepted a position with Bethlehem Steel Company. Barbara returned to teaching for the Porter County Schools—Washington Township—in 1974. The girls attend Cooks Corners School and all are active in the First Presbyterian Church.

Submitted by Sterling G. Miller

MOORE FAMILY

Rachael Ruth Moore, daughter of Sidney S. and Myrtle Kewley Moore, came to Valparaiso from Galva, Ill. in May 1936, married C. H. (Fred) Stahl. She has two children: Frederick Richard Stahl (father of Frederick Richard 2nd and Eric William) and Linda Diane Stahl (mother of Rebecca Ruth). Rachael is a member of William Henry Harrison Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of Eastern Star, Valparaiso Womans Club and formerly United Methodist Church. She married Gordon Bender Goetz of Washington Township in April 1969. They reside on the farm founded by Gottlieb and Elizabeth Goetz (Greatgrandparents) in 1883. Gordon is the son of the late Leo J. and Mina Bender Goetz, member of Farm Bureau, President of Board of Wanatah Mercantile Co., Valparaiso Moose Lodge, Volunteer Fireman, Salem United Church of Christ. He has a son, Kenneth Ray (father of Steven Ray).

Myrtle K. Moore and daughter Harriet Ann Moore came to Valparaiso from Lakeland, Fla. in 1969 when Mr. Moore passed away. Myrtle is a 68 year member of Rebekah Lodge and Past Noble Grand. She was born the daughter of Edward and Edith (Clucas) Kewley, Galva, Ill. Feb. 1890.

Submitted by Rachael M. Goetz



FRANK MULLIN FAMILY

Frank and Virginia Mullin and their four year old daughter, Sara, have resided at 601 Washington St., Valparaiso for four years. Their previous home was Chicago, although Mr. Mullin grew up in Ogden Dunes. Virginia, nee Conley, is a native of Morris, Illinois.

Frank graduated from Portage High School and the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He currently is a board member of the Northwest Indiana Symphony and is a member of the Gary University Club. He is a stockbroker with A. G. Edwards and Sons, Merrillville.

Originally from Rushville, Indiana, Betty Mullin, Frank's Mother, has lived in Ogden Dunes since 1941. She is active in music, PEO, and the Ogden Dunes Community Church. There are 8 Mullin grandchildren, 7 of them on the West Coast, since her other two sons, Mark and Bob, reside in California.

Proud to be a 5th generation Hoosier, Frank enjoys past family history found in Rushville. The last 4 generations, including Frank Sr., are buried there.

Virginia is a graduate of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, and the Goethe Institute, Kochel, Germany. She trained with a brokerage firm in Chicago, where she met Frank. Currently finishing graduate work at Valparaiso University, she has taught piano in the University's Preparatory Department. Other activities include Kappa, Kappa, Kappa sorority and involvement as a board member of the Community Concert Association.

The Mullins are also members of the First Presbyterian Church and Valparaiso Country Club.

ED MYERS

Ed Myers was born in Terre Haute, Ind. in 1906. After the accidental death of his parents in 1909, he was placed in an orphanage. At about the age of twelve Walter and Sarah Bond, his foster parents, brought him to Valparaiso. He lived in Valparaiso until the depression of 1929. During the depression he drifted aimlessly about, as many young men did, "riding the rails" from town to town searching for work. A few of the jobs he found included window-washing in the Empire State Building in NYC, cooking in restaurants, and tunneling through mountains in Denver, Colorado.

Tired of traveling, he returned to Valparaiso to settle down. He went to work on the W.P.A. until the beginning of W. W. II. During the war he worked at the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant driving truck. In his spare time he gathered junk cars and scrap metal for recycling, as part of the vital war effort on the home front.



Ed Myers Family

After the war ended he decided to go into general business for himself. Some of his ventures included a garbage route in the Flint Lake area, hauling stone for the Edgewater Beach Subdivision roads, digging ditches and installing water lines for the original Flint Lake Water Co. which, at the time, was under the ownership of William Frazier. He also did concrete and landscaping work and occasionally raized old buildings, one of which was the old city bus barn, now the site of Lowenstine's parking lot.

In 1961, wanting a slower pace, he gave up his business ventures and became the custodian of the old city dump west on 130 (Highway) until its closing in 1969. He continued to work for the city in the paint crew, painting school crosswalks and street curbs until his retirement in 1972.

Ed was a very warm-hearted individual whose home was always open to anyone. He and his wife Alta (usually pronounced Al-Dee) were the "adopted" parents of many a person and were often lovingly called the "Ma and Pa Kettle's" of Valparaiso.

Ed's favorite pastimes were fishing, card playing, and story telling. Being an avid fisherman, he was a well-known "figure" on Flint Lake, seemingly able to catch fish when no one else could.

During the winter months his pastimes turned to card playing and story telling. Friends never tired of sitting around his kitchen table playing cards

or just hearing him reminisce of his "good old days".

Ed resided at 2107 Calumet Ave. for 31 years until his death in March of 1973. He left behind his wife, Alta, five sons, six daughters, and thirteen grandchildren.

JOHN F. MURRAY

The John F. Murray family of 303 E. Indiana Ave., Kouts. He was born Aug. 1, 1932 in Gasport, N.Y. to Elmer F. and Lydia Ann (Hooley) Murray. On June 6, 1958 he married Marilyn Stauffer who was born May 18, 1938 in Milford, Nebr. a daughter of Uriah and Edna (Troyer) Stauffer, now also of Kouts. The Murray's have two children, Kathleen Karen burn July 27, 1959 in Goshen, Ind. and John Charles born June 13, 1961 in Valparaiso, Ind. All are members of the Hopewell Mennonite Church of Kouts of which John F. Murray has been serving as Assistant Pastor since April, 1961. In 1960 Mr. Murray received a B.A. degree from Goshen College and an M.A. degree from Valparaiso University in 1967. Since Sept., 1960 he has been teaching Spanish and Social Studies at Kouts High School.

DEBBIE NASH

My name is Debbie Nash. I am eleven years old. I have a little sister named Laura. Laura is nine years old and she goes to Kouts School like I do. My parents' names are Bob and Jean Nash. My dad works at Bethlehem Steel. My mother helps out with Girl Scouts. We moved to Pleasant Township four years ago. We now own our own home with enough room that someday we may be able to have a horse.

CHARLES A. NELSON FAMILY

Charles A. and Anna Nelson immigrated from Sweden in 1881, to the rural Hobart area. Their daughter Hedvig was about a year old at that time. A daughter Ella was born in 1882 and a son Carl C. was born in 1884. In the early 1900's they bought a farm in Westchester Township from the Boo Family. It was on Road 300 W., at a curve in the road, near a School House. As I remember, it must have been quite close to the Bailey homestead.

Dec. 3, 1903, daughter Hedvig was married to Rev. M. J. Lonner, pastor of Augsburg Lutheran Church of Porter. On Oct. 16, 1905 a son, Alvar, was born in the old parsonage in Porter. Alvar is married to Velma Hooseline and they reside in Hobart. Rev. Lonner is buried in the Augsburg Church Cemetery.

Daughter Ella was married to Axel R. (Coxey) Carlson of Hobart. They did not have any children. 'Coxey' would be remembered by many Wheeler and Crisman area Old-timers, as he delivered meats for the Gruel Meat Market.

Son Carl C. was married to Hilda Larson of Hobart. They were the parents of Ruth (Mrs. Arnold Claussen, Hebron), who still live on a small farm in Porter Township. Elinor, (Mrs. Francis Greener, Hobart), who is the owner of 'Elinor's' in Valparaiso. Carl and Hilda were also the parents of a son, Dr. C. Arthur Nelson, who was a resident of Valparaiso at the time of his death in 1974.

Submitted by Ruth Nelson

CHARLES NICKEL SR. FAMILY

The Nickel family traces its ancestry to eastern Germany where Karl (Charles) Nickel was born August 26, 1848 in Neudeck near the ancestral home of Von Hindenburg, German Army Chief of World War I. He was inducted into service during the Franco-Prussian War. Being a tailor, he was assigned the task of making the uniforms for the army.

Having been honorably discharged he set out for America arriving at Castle Garden, New York in the Fall of 1872. From there he went to Chicago and secured work in a large tailoring concern. After a few years he established his own tailoring shop on the North Side of Chicago.

On February 4, 1882 he was united in marriage to Louise Gutperlet who was born April 2, 1860 in Stargard, Germany. At the age of 12 she had emigrated to this country with her parents, Johann and Maria Gutperlet who were born in Pomerania, both the same year, namely 1815.

In January 1887 Karl Nickel sold his tailoring shop because of ill health and purchased ten acres in the south part of Chesterton. A log house stood on the property but was replaced by a cottage completed by July. Here were born three of the four children, Arthur E. having been born in Chicago on February 7, 1883 and deceased July 9, 1959. Charles J. was born July 24, 1887, Lillian L. January 29, 1893 and Elsie A. August 29, 1895.

Arthur attended Valparaiso College and became a pharmacist pursuing that profession over 50 years; the greater share of the time in Chesterton. On January 8, 1905 he married Miss Amanda Graubman.

Charles was employed by several local hardware dealers who dug wells for the townspeople as well as the farmers in the community. He entered the New York Trade School in 1906 and became Chesterton's first school trained plumber. Later he opened a plumbing and heating shop.

On October 5, 1910 he was married to Miss Emma Harbrecht and to this union was born a son, Arthur, who graduated from Purdue with a BS degree and has been employed in the chemical laboratory of the metallurgical division of U.S. Steel, Gary Works, for 40 years. He married the former Avis Pillman and they have a daughter Lynda and a son Robert.

On June 30, 1915 Lillian was married to Hans W. Vetter who served the community as a prominent painter and decorator for many years. They have one daughter, Gretchen, who married Dumont Loomis May 20, 1951. To this union were born two daughters, Cheryl and Debra.

Lillian Nickel Vetter taught for several years in the Westchester Township schools and is the author of two books, "A Nickel's Worth" and "A Nickel's Worth and More". Both deal with the family history and also contain bits of early history of the town and vivid descriptions of town characters.

Elsie entered the teaching profession in 1914. Her first school was at City West which meant walking 7 miles a day and receiving $42 per month. After serving three years in country schools she began teaching Third Grade in Chesterton, retiring after 40 years.

Both Lillian and Elsie have resided their entire lives on the plot of ground on which they were born.

NIEQUIST FAMILY

MAYNARD O.—Sylvan Manor, Valpo, employed as Chief Engineer for Gary Mercy Hospital

ANNE RUTH (wife—employed as English teacher at Chesterton H.S.)

PAMELA (daughter)—employed in News Dept., WAKE

NANCY (daughter—in Soph. year at Indiana Uinversity)

MARILYN NIEQUIST, 1011 Elmhurst, Valpo, Chief Probation Officer for Porter County

LAVERGNE NIEQUIST, Villa Park, Ill., Editor, Laidlaw Publishing Company

MAYNARD G. AND ANNA, parents, now deceased.

The Niequist family came to Valparaiso in 1936 when Maynard G. was transferred here by the Continental Diamond Fibre Co. from Chicago, Illinois. He worked at that company in the capacity of shipping foreman until his retirement. Maynard O., LaVergne and Marilyn attended Valparaiso schools and were graduated from Valparaiso High School.

Maynard O. married Anne Ruth Franklin whom he met while they were attending Valparaiso University. Anne came to this area from Covington, Ky. Two daughters, Pamela and Nancy, were born to this union.

Maynard O. served Valparaiso in the capacity of City Council Representative and on the Planning Commission from 1959 till 1962. His wife, Anne, served as a member of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals in 1956 and 57 and as a member of the School Board from 1957 till 1961.

Submitted by Marilyn J. Niequist

THE JOHN D. AND FAYE E. NOAK FAMILY

John David Noak, Wheeler, and Faye Eloise Phillips, Hobart, were married in the Lutheran Church parsonage at Valparaiso, April, 1934. They moved from Hobart to Wheeler, Union Township in 1950.

Mr. Noak, born in Chicago, lived in Gary, Washington Township, Hobart and Wheeler. He was employed at U.S. Steel as a roll grinder in the sheet mill and retired in 1973, after 41 years service. Mr. Noak's parents were Gustaf and Mary (Strakis) Noak. They immigrated to Chicago from Germany and Lithuania, later moving to the Wheeler farm. He also was employed at U.S. Steel.

Mrs. Noak's parents were Albert S. and Grace (Norton) Phillips. Originally from Orchard Grove, Lowell and LeRoy, they settled in Hobart where Mr. Phillips, a pharmacist, owned a drug store (Phillips and Byall) for 45 years. They were active in community and church affairs, both holding state offices in the Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Phillips served on the committee that planned the Methodist Church in Hobart.

Seven children were born to John and Faye Noak. All were educated in the Union Township schools and some went on to various universities. All are active in church, civic, and athletic affairs of their communities.

John Phillips Noak and wife Donna reside in Jackson Township, Westville. They have six children, John, Laura, Jeffrey, Lisa, Lynne, and Leaun. He is in the insurance business.

Valayda and husband Roger Nibert, reside in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. He is an organic chemist. Their children are David, Leisa and Holly.

Mary and husband Ronald Spruitenburg, who is a carpenter with Suburban Homes, reside in Washington Township, Valparaiso. Their children are Scott and Susan.

Martha and husband Ralph E. Chester II reside in Racine, Wisconsin where he is an orthodontist technician. They have Ralph III and Gregory.

Georgia and husband Kenneth Barnett, who owns the Barnett Painting and Decorating Co., reside in Washington Township, Valparaiso. Their children are Amy, Kenneth, and Jane.

David and wife Michele reside in Valparaiso. Employed at Bethlehem Steel Co., they have Harry and Jennifer.

Thomas is Assistant Manager at the Valparaiso store of Harveys. He resides at R.R. #2, Hobart.

Advertisements in the possession of the writer shows that in 1913 chocolate candy sold for 29¢ a lb. and in 1975 it was $3.00 a lb. Veal shoulder roast was 17¢ a lb. in 1936 as compared to $2.75 a lb. in 1975. Comparable rents were $8.00 a month for a bungalow in Hobart in 1936 and in 1975 a Washington Township house rented for $325.00 a month.

Interesting also to the writer is the change that came about all over the country when people moved out from inner cities and businesses followed to the rural areas, building complexes of stores, called Malls. The country sides were dotted with new homes and created the need for more schools.

Washers, dryers, color T.V.'s, dishwashers, organs, combines, freezers and cars are indeed a way of life and no longer considered luxuries and with the time saving conveniences, people wondered where the time went. The good Lord's world seemed to be getting smaller with each invention and discovery the past 200 years.

MARTIN NOLAN (KNOWLAND) AND BRIDGET SUMMERS

Martin Nolan (Knowland) and Bridget Summers were both born in Kildere County, Ireland in 1842. They were married in Plunkerton, Ireland March 5, 1864 and immigrated to America April 1, 1864. They came here on their wedding trip. The ocean was so rough and it took six weeks in a sail boat so she would not make the trip back. After some time in New York she said they must have been guided to the Pat Wallace farm in Kouts.

They knocked on the door and when Mrs. Wallace saw some one from Ireland she was so happy and said "I don't know who you are but you are as welcome as the flowers in May." (1864) They heard they were building the Pennsylvania railroad so they came to Hebron and built a house. He started to work on the railroad and there they lived and raised their family of nine children.

The Wallace family came to Hebron to visit the Nolan family often, as they were the ones who had the horses and wagon or bob sled, which ever was to be used and they had to stay a couple days. They would visit the neighbors Conners who had one daughter and the Ryans who had a big family. Not many people lived around there so these families were very close. Now in 1975 their youngest granddaughter and myself still exchange Christmas cards. I remember my grandmother coming home from Brown's store and saying, "I think I saw a crazy man he talked to a box on the wall but no one said anything to

him''. My uncle said Mother that was one of the new fangled telephones. I spent many years with my grandmother as I was brought there after my father's death, 1895. Jacob Romine, he was a barber in Chesterton in partnership with Mr. Way. At that time his uncle, Douglas McCan, owned the livery stable next to the hotel in Hebron. And in later years my grandmother rented the hotel and we were living there when she died, January 10, 1910.

At first, the Catholic families belonged to the Valparaiso Parish and later to the Crown Point Parish. Father Guetoff was pastor at that time and would come to Hebron once each month to say mass for us at the Mike Ryan home. There were about six catholic families at that time. He would come on the train at 6:30 P.M., hear our confessions and catechism in the evening, have Mass early in the morning so he could take the 8:00 train back to Crown Point.

When it was time for us to make our first Holy Communion, Fr. Guetoff had Bernice Griffin and Summers Plummer and myself come to Crown Point and stay at the rectory for six weeks to go to the Catholic School.

The mass at Ryans was only once a month but it was a Holy day to them. My grandmother stayed dressed up all day in her good dress and long white apron (I still have one) and did only what work was necessary. She died May 5, 1910 and grandfather died August 10, 1891.

The names of the nine children are John, who married Katharine Ryan, Elizabeth and Jacob Romine, James and Winona Frazier, Mary and Otto Wharton, William and Della Frye, Katherine and Herschel Edmonds, Helen and Dr. Roscoe Blood and the two others were Martin and Rose.

There are eight of the grandchildren living. Mayme, Helen, Gertrude, and Thomas, family of John Nolan in Hebran. Elizabeth (Beth) Regan daughter of William Nolan in Hebron. Mary Hamann and Margaret Nolan, daughters of James Nolan in Newark, Delaware and Blanche Mayer, daughter of Elizabeth Nolan Romine in Valparaiso.

There are 15 of the Great Grandchildren living.

HAROLD D. NORRIS FAMILY

Harold was born in Hebron, Indiana in 1920. He has lived here all his life. His family on his mother's side moved to Hebron from Medaryville. His Grandfather Richardson had a harness and hardware shop on Main St. for a number of years.

His father's folks were from around Gas City and the Marion area. His Grandfather D. J. Norris was a blacksmith and moved around a lot.

His Mother, Cora Richardson Norris worked at John De Kock's grocery store on Main St. for about eleven years. His father Alonzo, was the caretaker of the Hebron Cemetery for a long time.

Harold spent almost three years in the Army Air Corps.

On Aug. 8th, 1942 he married Lenore Martensen. Lenore was born in Bedford Park, Illinois and moved to Hebron in 1939. Her father, Chris Martensen had worked around Hebron in 1918 and again in 1936 for a short period of one year. While here he played the part of Father Marquette in the Porter County Centennial Pageant. Her mother Mabel is still living in Summit, Illinois. She is affectionately known as ''Grandma Marty''.

Harold and Lenore have five children. Richard, the eldest, is married to Pam Smith of Valparaiso, and they live in Valparaiso. They have a daughter, born on Dick's birthday July 24, 1972. Her name is Suzannah Lee.

Terry, the second son, is married to Donna Largent and they live in Hebron.

Rochelleis married to Dennis Miller of Kouts. They have a daughter Amy Diana. She was born Feb. 4, 1973. They live in La Crosse, Indiana.

Scott, a graduate of Hebron High School in 1974, is now employed at Patz's Supermarket in Hebron.

Ken is a Senior in the Hebron High School and he is an ''original'' in the ''Stars and Stripers'' singing group formed to entertain at Bicentennial affairs. He is living at home.

Harold is a rural mail carrier, active in American Legion, and Lenore is active in American Legion Auxiliary, Bicentennial Committee and Red Cross.

Submitted by L. Norris

OLDHAM FAMILY

Canadian by birth, John M. Oldham came to Valparaiso in 1912 and spent the remaining 33 years of his life enriching the civic, business, and cultural life of the city.

Coming from Duluth, Minn., with his wife, Vina Hood Oldham, John purchased the large home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville H. Powers at 415 Madison, along with 25 acres of surrounding land. The house is now the residence of Dr. Robert M. Stoltz.

Keeping a spacious sloping lawn, an orchard, and a rose garden around the main house, Oldham developed the remaining acreage into a comfortable residential area of one-family homes and tree-lined streets.

Oldham was a member of the first Valparaiso Zoning Commission and served as its chairman until a few years before his death Feb. 11, 1945.

During both the First and Second World Wars he headed the Porter County unit of the American Red Cross.

Shortly after coming to Valparaiso, Oldham joined the Saturday Evening Club, a group of distinguished men in the city who held semi-weekly meetings featuring presentation of a serious paper followed by spirited discussion. Oldham served as president of the club during the last nine years of his life. Oldham joined the Mathesis Club, a discussion group of men and women, in 1914 and was its president from 1924 until his death. Both organizations still function.

A few days after Oldham's death, the late Lee Ragsdale wrote a memorial editorial in The Vidette-Messenger in which he said,

'To those who knew him in public gathering, in club, in church or home, his quick and kindly humor was an enjoyable attribute. In repartee he had a ready tongue. His mind was stored with experience and anecdote, and in any group he was the saving spark against a dull time.

''He was profoundly moved by music and in his home he delighted to preside at the piano while friends joined him in song. He was a lover of literature and the variety of his quotations proved the range of his reading tastes. He was a keen student of current events and was ever able to take effective part in discussions of public affairs . . . ''

Both Oldham and his wife were busy members of the First Presbyterian Church and he sang in the choir until his death. The Vina Hood Oldham Guild is still active in the church. Mrs. Oldham was also a Woman's Club member until her death Dec. 21, 1932.

John M. and Vina Hood Oldham were the parents of two sons, Howard and Kenneth, both of whom were reared and educated in Valparaiso. Howard now lives in Austin, Tex., while Kenneth and his wife, the former Dorothy Green of Washington Township, live in Cortez, Fla.

Kenneth's eldest daughter, Mrs. Janet Oldham Hanrahan, is still a Valparaiso resident as are her children, Patricia and William Hanrahan. Another daughter, Mrs. Judy Oldham Rittenhouse, lives in Ann Arbor, Mich. Both women grew up in Valparaiso.

In 1914, the Oldhams added another branch of their family to the history of Valparaiso when they brought John's sister, Jessie Oldham McCallum, and her ten-year-old son, Woodburn A. McCallum to the city after the death of Jessie's husband, Duncan McCollum, in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

For many years an employee of Specht-Finney Company, Jessie was known for her talents as a pianist and vocalist. She died shortly after her brother—May 1, 1945.

Woodburn was graduated from the Valparaiso University School of Law in 1929 and entered private law practice briefly before becoming the Porter and LaPorte County representative for the Federal Land Bank of Louisville in 1933. He held that position until his retirement in 1964.

Like his uncle, Woodburn was a member of the Saturday Evening Club and on the First Presbyterian Church. He was also president of the Valparaiso Kiwanis Club in the late 1930s.

Woodburn married Katherine Alpen of Valparaiso, Nov. 11, 1931. He died April 6, 1968, but she is still a resident of the city (among her many activities is the Vina Hood Oldham Guild of which she is a charter member), as is their daughter, Mrs. Karl D. Henrichs (Mary McCallum). Another daughter, Mrs. Gene R. Duffin (Margaret McCallum), and a grandson, Ryan G. Duffin, live in Goshen, Ind. Mary and Margaret were both born and reared in Valparaiso.

THE OYER FAMILY

My name is Chris Oyer. I am 10 years old. Sandy is my sister. She is 9. My mother's name is Mary and my father's name is Larry.

We moved to Porter County after we lived in Lake County for two years. We like it here.

HARRY L. AND MARY C. PAGE

HARRY L. PAGE: Born in Connecticut (Sept. 26, 1895), son of physician father and author mother. Educated at the Hotchkiss Preparatory School and Yale University. Member of Phi Chi chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Baptized in and attended Episcopal Church, Litchfield, Connecticut.

Course at Yale was interrupted by World War I wherein he served for the duration as a flying officer pilot and instructor. Was recipient of not only the traditional silver wing but, also, the sparsely issued "Gosport" instructor gold wing. Following the war, he engaged in extra-curricular studies and simultaneous practical training in heat exchange engineering.

Moved to California and in 1937 became interested in how to give lasting stability and retention to lower dentures. Through the application of known laws in physics and hydrostatics, he evolved the impression principle that is now known the world over as "Mucostatics." With stable and retentive denture bases, he discovered there was much to be desired in their articulation. In 1950, he invented the "Transograph"—an instrument designed to record, copy and duplicate all movements of the human jaw and upon which not only natural teeth but also artificial teeth may be articulated and occluded for each individual patient.

He is the author of a monograph and numerous articles on Mucostatics and nearly 30 of his articles on articulation and Transographics have been published, translated and reprinted in foreign languages since 1951. He has been a guest lecturer and clinician before scores of formal and informal dnetal groups and dental faculties from Coast to Coast.

Now retired, living at 104 Garfield Avenue with wife Mary Cowdrey Page whom he married in 1948. Member of Barracks No. 2106, Veterans of World War I. Enjoys golf, fishing and travel and continued research into dental problems.

Great-greatgrandson of Capt. Daniel Page (Revolutionary War), Harry Page's most notable ancestor is likely Cyrus W. Field who laid the Atlantic cable.

MARY DELITE (COWDREY) PAGE: Born in Valparaiso (Feb. 1, 1907) daughter of Arthur W. Cowdrey and Martha Mae (Thatcher) Cowdrey. Graduated in 1926 from Valparaiso High School and attended Gregg Business College, Chicago. Inactive member of Kappa Kappa Kappa. Baptized in and attended First Christian Church, Valparaiso, where grandfather, Daniel Thatcher, served as deacon in original church on Franklin Street.

Was employed by Farmers State Bank in temporary quarters in the Szold Building following the destruction of the bank in the Academy Block fire. Her father, Arthur W. Cowdrey, was cashier in that bank. Later worked in Dime Savings Bank in Detroit and the Central Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago. The depression and bank closures caused her to accept an accounting position with a dental supply company in Chicago, and later became a saleslady for another dental firm. Through that connection, she met Harry L. Page whom she married.

The family home, 104 Garfield Avenue, was purchased in 1894—the last house on "East Street" (as Garfield was then named)—by Daniel and Martha Jane (Young) Thatcher who with his mother, Deborah Ann Thatcher, lived and died there. Their daughter, Martha Mae Thatcher and Arthur W. Cowdrey were married there in 1905. Their daughter, Mary Delite, was born there, the fourth generation to occupy the house. Her father, Mr. Cowdrey died there in 1938 and Mrs. Cowdrey passed on in January, 1975. Both of Mrs. Page's great-greatgrandfathers (Pvt. Amos Thatcher and Col. John William Cowdrey) served in the Revolutionary War. In his diary, Col. Cowdrey reveals that he was a spy for General Washington and, also, he was one of the men, disguised as an Indian, who "threw overboard from a vessel in Boston Harbor its cargo of tea as a protest gainst the tax on that article, which the British parliament has imposed."

Submitted by Harry L. Page



PARTLOW -- PACKWOOD

O. RAY PARTLOW, born in Hartford City, Indiana October 1, 1913 and MARY KATHRYN PACKWOOD PARTLOW, born in Salem, Indiana on June 12, 1915 were married October 25, 1941 and now live at 1308 Forest Park Avenue, Valparaiso, Indiana. They have two sons—Donald Lee and family of Greensburg, Indiana, and Robert Alan and family of Portage, Indiana. All members of the family are university people—Ray being a practicing attorney with office in Hobart, Indiana, and Mary a Home Economics teacher in the Junior High School.

Ray taught elementary school at the old Columbia School in 1948-1949 and became interested in Valparaiso at that time. The War years of 1941-1946 had stimulated his boyhood desire to enter law school so he left teaching to complete his law training. He has sat as City Judge in Hobart and specializes in Probate and Real Estate Law.

Mary has taught in the public schools for 20 years and is now retiring at end of the current year. Her work at Indiana University as an under-grad in the Art department brought her some honors and scholastic recognition and she hopes to continue painting upon retirement.

She is a past regent of the Daughters of American Revolution, and is active in Bicentennial programs of her chapter.

RAYMOND PATRICK AND BONNIE (WASHBURN) PATRICK

Raymond Patrick was born and reared in Porter County. Bonnie (Washburn) Patrick moved to Valparaiso from Illinois in 1950.

The Patricks have three children.

Tom, 15, is a sophomore at Valparaiso High School. Tom enjoys bowling and wrestling. He is employed by Bill Thomas.

Sandi, 9, attends 5th grade at St. Paul's School. Sandi enjoys bowling, girl scouts, and the Y Girls Club.

Chuck, 5, is in kindergarten at Central School. Chuck belongs to the Wayne Street Bigwheel Club.

Raymond has served with the 82nd Airborne. He is presently employed on the Five Stand at Midwest Steel. Ray is an Assistant Griever for USWA, Local 6103. Ray is an avid hunter. He is particularly proud of the eight point buck he brought down with a bow and arrow.

Bonnie is secretary for the Porter County Right to Life. A former Brownie leader, Bonnie is treasurer of NEIGHBORHOOD 3, Dist. 5 East Lake-Porter County Girl Scouts, and township Chairman for American Cancer.



CHARLES G. PELLAR FAMILY

Charles G. Peller is President of Peller-Tanck-Gertsmeier-Reinert, Inc., Architects-Engineers-Surveyors. He was born in Chicago, served in European and Far East theatres in World War II, and earned his M.S. in Civil Engineering. He has practiced his profession in Illinois and Indiana. He has served as Department Chairman of Civil Engineering at Valparaiso University. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a Rotarian, and a 32nd Degree Mason.

Mrs. Doris V. A. Peller was among the 10th generation of her family born in Kinderhook, New York. She earned a B.S. in Home Economics at Cornell University and taught that subject in New York State. She won her wings and served as stewardess for United Airlines and advanced to Supervisor, training others to be stewardesses. She went back to the classroom as a Home Economics instructor at Valparaiso University when she and Charles moved here. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa and Delta Gamma sororities and is active in the Presbyterian Women's Association, having served as President in 1972.

Their first son, born in Chicago, graduated from Valparaiso High School. While there, Charles, Jr., was Drum Major for the band in 1965 and 1966. While earning his B.S. in Civil Engineering at Purdue University, he was in the Purdue Marching Band. He is an Alpha Chi Rho and works as an engineer for PTGR, Inc.

Their first daughter, Charlotte Ann, was born in Valparaiso. In 1967 she represented VHS at Indiana Girls' State. She was a member of the Honor Society. After earning her B.S. in Social Studies at Purdue, she acquired her S.D. from Valparaiso University Law School. She also holds Tri-Kappa membership.

Their second son is about to graduate from Valparaiso High School. James Wagoner Peller cites motorcycle racing as his primary interest.



HAROLD PENDLETON FAMILY

Harold Pendleton, 1735 Indian Boundary Road, Chesterton, Indiana, employed at Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., as Supervisor in the Metallurgical Dept., Employment there past 28 years. Attended Purdue University and is now continuing at same place for 2 yr. course.

Barbara Pendleton, wife

Children living at home:

Susan, attends Chesterton High

School, David, attends Westchester Middle School, Scott attends Brummitt Elementary School.

We have three married children Doretta, Patricia and Dennis living in the Michigan City and Chesterton area.

Our move to Chesterton was in 1971 because we felt the educational system had many benefits to offer our three smaller children. They have been active in the AAU Swim program, Susan in Special Olympics program and David in Cub Scouts and Little League.

MR. AND MRS. PHILIP B. PHILIPS

Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Philips are the parents of three children, Frederick Philip, Marilou Angela and Janathan Philip. Philip Philips, son of Blagoy and Angeline Kaczmarek Philips, was born in Gary and moved from Gary to 700 N in 1936. He attended all twelve years at Portage and graduated in 1948. He spent two years at Valparaiso University, followed by two years in the United States Army. On discharge, he spent a semester at Indiana University Extension and then returned to Valparaiso University graduating in 1955. Mrs. Philips is the former Maxine Bartz, daughter of the late Fred H. Bartz and Mary Emily Pinkerton Bartz. Her father, Fred, was born in Valparaiso, Washington Township, on October 12, 1888. Maxine was born in Michigan City but her folks resided in Valparaiso. She attended her elementary and high school years in the Valparaiso system, graduating from Valparaiso High School in 1952. She attended Indiana University from 1952 to 1953, returning to attend Indiana University extension where she met Philip Philips. They married in Valparaiso on April 17, 1955. Frederick was born in Valparaiso on April 25, 1956. Phil, Maxine and Fred moved to Bloomington, Indiana, August, 1956 and spent one year on the Indiana University campus. Bill received his MBA at I.U. in August 1957 and Maxine worked a few more hours toward her BS. We moved back to Valparaiso in August 1957 and Philip taught business at Washington Township High School for three years. Marilou was born June 15, 1958. Phil worked a year at Midwest and Maxine continued to work toward her degree. In 1962, Phil joined his brother Carl Philips, who had purchased Briscoe Electric from Mrs. James Sullivan in 1960, and formed Philips Furniture & Appliance Inc. later changed to Philips, Inc. which they own and operate on East Lincolnway at the present time. In 1962, Maxine received her degree from Indiana University and Jonathan Philip Philips was born September 23, 1962. We have lived here all our lives. We are active members of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Phil is a Rotarian. Maxine is one the Family Service Association board of directors and a member of PEO Chapter J. We are active at present in the Valparaiso Band Parent Organization. In the past we have served on the YMCA, DAR and AAUW. We enjoy golf and bridge. Fred is now a sophomore at IU, Marilou a senior at Valparaiso High School and Jonathan a 7th grader at Thomas Jefferson. Valparaiso will always be home!!!

Mrs. Fred H. Bartz, Mary Emily Pinkerton Bartz, was born September 30, 1901, in Huntley, Nebraska, the daughter of William Armstrong Pinkerton and Mary Ellen Wisner Pinkerton. Her father had lived in the Valparaiso area as a child, grew to manhood in the area, spent two years near Plymouth during the Civil War, went to Kansas, Nebraska, and then back to Wanatah in 1902. Mrs. Bartz was educated in Wanatah and later worked in Valparaiso while attending Valparaiso University. She taught elementary school at Columbia School in Valparaiso in her early teaching career, married, taught homebound teaching and later taught at Pine Township. She married Frederick H. Bartz on November 25, 1932. He was born in Washington Township, October 12, 1888, son of William H. Bartz and Louisa Kaupke Bartz. They were the parents of three children: David Lee, stillborn November 1933, Maxine Joyce Bartz Philips, November 23, 1934, and Norma Lou Slanger, August 9, 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Bartz owned and operated the Home Ice Company, later known as the Clover Leaf Dairy for years. The dairy was sold to Mr. Herbert Brown, now Brown's, and Mr. Bartz later joined the First Federal Savings and Loan. He had served as a director on the board and retired as president in 1965. He was a Rotarian and active member of the First Christian Church. Mrs. Bartz was very active in the community. She was an active member of the First Christian Church and taught Sunday School for years and also active in the Christian Woman's Fellowship. She held membership in Valparaiso Woman's Club (served as president at one time) DAR (local and state and served as regent) Business and Professional Woman's club, American Legion, Retired Teachers Association, Mental Health, League of Woman Voters, Historical Society and Porter County Council of Church Woman. She was a Woman of Distinction. She spent a number of years as President of Porter County Council of Church Woman and led the woman in the founding and building of Wispering Pines Home for Senior Citizens. She was acting as administrator of Whispering Pines when stricken by a massive stroke July 18, 1969, which left her an aphasia patient and paralyzed on the right side. Mr. Bartz passed away December 16, 1970 and Mrs. Bartz is now residing at Whispering Pines since January 1975. She had been residing at the Bartz home which they purchased in the forties from Judge Davis.

JUDGE AND MRS. ALFRED J. PIVARNIK

Judge and Mrs. Alfred J. Pivarnik were both born in Porter County.

He was the son of John and Josephine Pivarnik who moved to a farm in Center Township on Smoke Road from Lake County in 1919. His maternal grandparents, Valentime and Rose Blastic moved to Porter County a few years earlier and settled in Morgan Township a few miles south. They migrated to this country from Poland to Whiting, Indiana, before coming to this area. His paternal grandparents, John and Mary (Mager) Pivarnik also immigrated from Southern Europe and settled in central Pennsylvania before moving to Lake County, Indiana in the late 1800's.

Brothers and sisters are a twin brother, Robert, William John, and two sisters, Irene Mitchell of Valparaiso and Florence Kelly of Chesterton. Judge Pivarnik was graduated from Valparaiso High School in 1943. He saw active duty with the 15th Airforce of the Army Air Corp during World War II stationed in Foggia, Italy. Upon his return

he attended Valparaiso University. He received his LLB degree from that Law School in January, 1951. He later received the Degree of Juris Doctor from Valparaiso University Law School. He was Deputy Prosecutor in 1952 serving under Attorney Clarence Wood and later under Attorney Fred Crumpacker. He served as Prosecuting Attorney from 1959 to 1963. He was elected to the office of the Porter Circuit Court in 1962, taking office in January 1, 1963. He is presently serving in his third term.

On June 19, 1949 he married Catherine Alyea at the Boone Grove Christian Church where they are members. Her parents were Pearl (Sawyer) and Earl Alyea. She has one sister, Ruth Hall of Valparaiso. Her paternal grandparents were Catherine (Quinn) and Fremont Sawyer. Catherine and Fremont Sawyer built the beautiful country home in 1906 now occupied by Catherine and Al Pivarnik. The farm is known as "The Maples" and is situated six and one-half miles from Valparaiso. It has been in the family for seven generations. Part of it was home steaded. Fremont Sawyer was born in 1856, the year in which John C. Fremont was the first presidential standardbearer of the Republican party. Mr. Sawyer cast his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield, and the family has supported Republican policies ever since. Her paternal grandparents were Mary (Smith) and George Washington Alyea of Boone Township. They came from Ohio.

Judge and Mrs. Pivarnik have five children. Daniel Earl, who married Vicki Beatty and has one son, Chad Daniel. They now reside in Morgan Township. Vicki is attending Valparaiso University. Dan attended Valparaiso University and is a salesman with Indiana Home Improvement. He is also half owner of the Burlington Bait Shop.

Alana Catherine died in infancy.

Edward John is a Certified Recording Engineer having attended the Recording Institute in Chicago. He also attended Purdue University.

Timothy Alfred is attending Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Laura Vicki is a student at Boone Grove School. All her brothers and sister-in-law graduated from Boone Grove High School as did her mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Catherine Pivarnik received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education and the degree of Master of Education from Valparaiso University. She teaches at Parkview School in Valparaiso. The family represent the qualities which constitute the truest citizenship and contribute the best elements to the welfare of Porter County.

GUY PLUMMER

Upon his death in 1973, Guy Plummer ended a 121 year family history of farming in Porter County. Guy's grandfather Josiah Plummer, traveled here from Sandusky, Ohio, and settled north of Hebron in 1854. He married Hannah Mutchler of Valparaiso, they had six children.

Upon his death in 1893 the "homeplace" was passed on to Guy's father Perry Plummer. Perry married the former Elenor Ludington of Porter County, they had eleven children: Allen, deceased; Guy; Lynn, deceased; Malissa (Edwards); Rodney, deceased; Retha R. (Belaschky-Jolliff); Martha (Traeger), deceased; John, Hobart, Indiana; Eldena (Henschell), Manitwac, Wisconsin; Bernard, deceased; and Elmer, deceased.

Upon Perry's death in 1939 the farm went to Guy. Guy was married to the former Elsie Busselberg of Porter County. They had no children. Elsie died in 1965 and Guy in 1973, ending 121 years of one family's life in Porter County.

THE PRINCIPES

Father: James Louis Principe
Mother: Rose Marie Iler Principe

They have resided in Valparaiso since their marriage. They have two daughters: Patricia Marie and Mary Lou. Patti is married to Warren Avaritt, who is a union sheet metal man, and Mary Lou is a junior at Valparaiso High School.

Jim graduated from Valparaiso High School and went to work as a union carpenter apprentice at National Homes. He served as president of the Valparaiso Carpenters Local, and following the consolidation of four locals, he served as its president. Now he is serving as president of Lake County District Council of Carpenters and is employed full-time as a state organizer for the Carpenters. Rose graduated from Chesterton High School and she was the first woman in Valparaiso to be in Beta Signa Phi for fifteen years and received the Order of the Rose. Patti, the oldest daughter, is employed at the East Branch of the First National Bank in Valparaiso. The Principe's reside at 554 Meadow Lane (Jim built this house). The Principe's are members of the First United Methodist Church of Valparaiso.

MRS. WILLIS PRYOR

Mrs. Willis Pryor, and her husband, came to Portage from Chicago in the 1930's. Mr. Pryor was semi-retired when they bought their property on Central Avenue, later retired and they lived there year round. Mr. Pryor died in 1954.

The land upon which Mrs. Pryor's home rests has an interesting history. It is on what was then called the Old Chicago-Detroit Post road. In earlier days, however, it was the site of an Indian counseling and camp grounds. A creek runs through the property and often arrowheads come to the surface and countless numbers of them have been found through the years.

Johnny Appleseed came through this part of the country on his pilgrimage to help housewives plant gardens, furnishing them seeds as he walked along. He also planted apple trees throughout the eastern and midwestern states. However, in the summers of 1933 and 1934, under President Roosevelt's diligent direction, the Civilian Conservation Corps, in a burst of enthusiasm for clearing the land, cleared away all of the apple trees that had been planted on the Pryor's land.

Throughout the years gentians, wind flowers, trailing arbutus, have grown in profusion on the Pryor property. After Mr. Pryor retired they planted an herb farm, employing boys from the area for weeding, planting, and harvesting the fragrant herbs. Shelves were built for drying and when the wind came from the northerly direction, the fragrance drifted as far away as Highway 6 and people would follow the aroma to see where it could be coming from. Basil

and sage were the main products and were harvested and sent in 50 pound sacks from the McCool freight station to herb dealers in New York. The boys who helped the Pryors are all grown up now; some are businessmen, some are policemen in the area, and every once in a while one will be heard to say, "Oh, yes, I know the Pryor land. I used to pull weeds for them at one time."

Then came World War II, prices went up, and the cost of growing herbs became prohibitive. Mr. Pryor gardened, growing vegetables and flowers. Mrs. Pryor is an artist and continued to paint and exhibit her paintings at fairs and shows and galleries throughout the country. She has a permanent exhibition at the Chesterton State Bank. It was unusual to see a woman painting the mills and manufacturing buildings in and around Gary but she felt, and still feels, that this is an important part of the history of Gary; steel being such an integral part of life here.

Since Mr. Pryor's death Mrs. Pryor has lived a semi-retired life. She painted for a time but has not sent to exhibitions for some years.

THE ELLIS PULLINS FAMILY HISTORY

My family spent all their lives in and around Valparaiso. I grew up close to Kouts, Indiana. My father did his bank business when I was young with Mr. William Pinney at the Valparaiso Bank. My father drove horses and wagon loads of wheat to be ground into flour at Sagers Mill.

My brother, Howard Theodore Kneifel, was killed while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in France. My mother passed away in 1974. She was a Gold Star Mother, as my brother had received the Purple Heart Award. He carried two presidents names and his name is on the board that was posted at the Valparaiso Courtyard. My husband helped remove the old Lincolnway brick street and helped build the new street. He also helped replace the water logs in the city water system.

My mother was the oldest lady in Porter County, having only lacked three months of being 100 years old. I had a family of seven sons and three daughters. My husband passed away January 21, 1961. All of my children live and work in Valparaiso. One son delivers Mid-America Homes to Valparaiso. All of my children attended Cooks Corners School.

My husband was Ellis Pullins. He worked many long hours for the Valparaiso City Water Department. He also helped tear down the court house that burned.

I've lived on Bullseye Lake Road since 1940. Most of our 50 acre farm is now built up in subdivisions. I live on one corner north of the new Presbyterian Church. I like Valparaiso, and plan to spend all my remaining days here. I was married in Valparaiso and I hope this is a memory letter to print for the bicentennial book.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Ransom

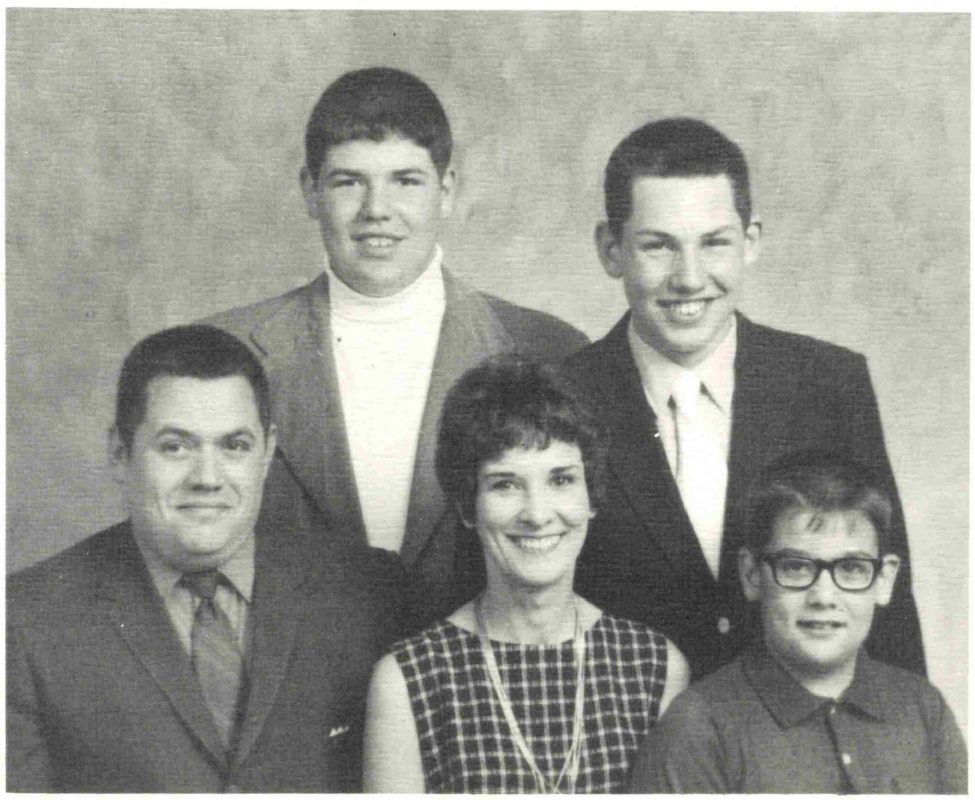
RANSOM FAMILY

Thomas Jefferson Ransom—born May 9, 1831 in McGrawville, Cortland County, New York. Married Mary Keene September 20, 1856—also a native of New York. Moved to Porter County, Center Township after the Civil War. Nine children were born: Lucius, Griffin, May, Minnie, Archie, Anna, Lottie, Jimmie, and Robert—(2nd generation) —all deceased.

He first farmed with oxen, lived in a log cabin. A new house was built on the same site in 1868, using the parlor of the log cabin as a kitchen in the new home which is still standing.

3rd generation: Roy J. Ransom, son of Griffin, born September 6, 1901. Married June 2, 1924 to Lolabell Schatz. Still lives on homestead.

4th generation: Roy E. Ransom, son of Roy J., born June 24, 1931. Married Charlotte Orange December 27, 1952. Also lives on same farm. They have 3 sons—Robert, Charles and David Ransom—5th generation.



Roy E. Ransom Family



WALTER AND NATHALIE RAYDER FAMILY

John and Emily Rayder moved to Valparaiso in 1917 from Whiting, Indiana. John was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Rayder. John and his wife purchased a home on the then outskirts of Valparaiso at 804 Campbell Street.

John Rayder worked on the Penn. R.R. at Clark Junction, between Gary and Indiana Harbor. He started as a lampman at the age of 12, and worked up to telegrapher. He accumulated 60 years service before he retired. John's father, Jessie, also worked for the Penn R.R. accumulating 60 years also before he retired.

John and Emily (Schurerer) Rayder had two sons; Harold and Walter. Both boys went to the public schools of Valparaiso.

Harold worked for Union Tank Car Company in Whiting until he purchased a farm east of Valparaiso and retired to farming. He sold the farm and moved to Knox, Indiana where he now lives with his wife Ethyl and daughter Deborah. Harold was deputy sheriff during the time Mr. Buchanan was sheriff.

Walter worked for the Continental Diamond Fibre Company, Lantz Mfg. Company and is now employed by National Construction Company.

My family goes back to 1894 as far as Porter County history goes. James and Nora (Ryan) McCarthy, both natives of Ireland, immigrated to Canada in 1817 where he was a farmer. They had a large family of 14 children, Michael C. being the youngest. In Canada Michael met and married Nathalie Roy in 1863. He learned the stone mason trade and with that as a base built his subsequent career. He moved to Chicago with his wife in 1864 where he was among the prominent contractors of Chicago.

Michael and his wife had six children. They all were graduated from Chicago High Schools. Mary Frances, the older of the daughters, studied music under Dr. Ziegfeld in the Chicago Musical College. She then taught music in Chicago.

In 1894 Michael and his family moved to a farm outside Kouts, Indiana. Mary McCarthy married William R. Beckwith and had three children, Marie, Louise, and Charles.

Louise died at the age of 8 years of age of diptheria. Marie was educated at Valparaiso University and was a teacher at the Lauer School near Kouts. She met and married Ferdinand F. Haas and moved to Peoria, Illinois.

Charles stayed on the farm that his grandfather purchased when he moved from Chicago. Charles married Dessie Parks in 1919 and had four children, Nathalie, Charles Jr., Genevieve and William. Charles Sr. died in 1933.

Dessie moved to Valparaiso during the depression and worked hard to bring up four small children. All children graduated from Valparaiso High School. Charles and William were in the military service during World War II. Charles in the Army in Guam and William in the Navy near the Philippines.

William was killed, along with four other servicemen, in a motor crash near Hobart, August 1945, a week after they were discharged from service.

Genevieve married John L. Stitts and have three children.

Nathalie and Walter met in 1940, married and had two boys, Warren and John. We live at 802 Campbell Street.

Warren graduated from Valparaiso Public Schools and also Valparaiso University in 1964. He went into the Navy Air at Pensacola, Florida in 1964. In the Navy he was stationed on the cruiser, New Port News. Two years he spent at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. teaching the cadets how to be seamen. While he was stationed at Pensacola he met and married Linda Chisolm. They have two daughters, Kelley and Heather (our beautiful granddaughters). After serving five years in the active navy he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he taught the deaf in the High School while getting his Masters degree in special Education. In June, 1975, Warren and his family moved back to Pensacola, Florida, where he is counselling in the city school system while going to school for the ministry.

John graduated from the Valparaiso Public Schools and also Valparaiso University in 1969. He joined the Army and served in Viet Nam for two years stationed at the Ben Hoa Air Base. After Viet Nam he was stationed at the University of Dayton teaching in the Army R.O.T.C. Since his brother was in Columbus, Ohio, close by, John spent leaves in Columbus where he met and married Mary Joanne Horn from Columbus.

After discharge from the Army John worked for Travellers Insurance Company as a Claims Adjuster. He now lives in Butte, Montana with his wife, still working for Travellers.

DR. LAURENCE W. REED FAMILY

Dr. Laurence Wilcox Reed (D.V.M.) was borne in Chicago, Illinois in 1942, attended Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. Received a B.S. LAS 1965 University of Illinois, BS—Vet Med. 1967 and DVM in 1969, University of Illinois. He practiced in Howard, Illinois prior to practicing small animal medicine at Westchester Animal Clinic, Chesterton, Indiana January, 1973 to present.

Gloria Reed borne in Monogahela, Pa. (Gloria Janes Collins). Moved to Porter County in 1973.

They are parents of two children, Tracy and Michele.

REGLEIN FAMILY TREE

Charles and Caroline (Lena) Reglein immigrated to the United States from Germany around the middle of the nineteenth century. They met in the states and were married here, and first settled in Otis, Indiana. They later moved to Chesterton, Indiana, where they built their home. They had thirteen children, two who died in infancy.

Their eleven children are as follows, beginning with the oldest:

The eldest daughter was Annie. She married Fred Timm and they had three children. They are Florence, Alice and Harry. Florence, now deceased, has one daughter, Mrs. Bob (Nancy) Johnson.

The eldest son was Henry. He married Bessie Long, and they have one

daughter Vera. Vera married Arvid Erickson, and they have two sons, Corky and Douglas.

The next daughter was Lizzie. She married Louis Shultz, and they had seven children, two who died in infancy, Edwin and Effie. The others are Glen, Phoebe, Mabel, Leo and Robert. Glen, now deceased, married Eva Sinclair and had no children. Phoebe married Forrest Larson and had two daughters, Edwina and Cleon. Mabel married Rev. Alfred Hardt, and they had two daughters, Dorothy Ann and Audrey. Leo married Mary Wozniak, and has two sons, Donald and Richard. Robert married Marian Stephens, and has a son Robert and a daughter Patty.

Louis married Hattie Groose. To this union were born two daughters, Leona and Thelma. Leona married Charles Granat and they have five children, Charlyce, Gary, Bruce, Gayle and Jaclyn. Thelma is now married to Henry Wilson, and has five children by previous marriages, namely, Brent, Morris, James and Wanda Medley and Louis Jarrett.

August married Lillie Harbrecht. They had three children, Loretta who died in infancy, and Evelyn and Charles. Evelyn married Knute Oness and they have two children, Barbara and Terry. Charles married Vietta Schroeder, and they have two children, John and Diana.

Emma married Tom Brooks and they had six children. Marvin married Loretta Coleman and they have one daughter, Beverly. Ruth married Martin Ericson, and they have two daughters, Kay and Gayle. Roy married Leona Wickberg, and they have two daughters, Phyllis and Judy. Thomas married Mae Targarrt, and they have two sons Craig and Clifford, and one daughter Carol. Howard married Rita Milzarek, and they have two boys, Danny and Russell, and one girl Kathy. Ralf married Dolores Grieger, and they have a daughter Bonnie.

Fred was first married to Olive. They had two children, Eugene and Mildred. He was later married to Anna Heath.

Arthur was married twice. First marriage was to Florence Johnson, and they had a daughter, Loretta. He later married Letitia Singer, and they have a son Ronald.

Edward was the youngest son. He was married twice and had no children. First marriage was to Laura Silk and the second to Winona Hess.

Minnie was first married to Verne Rodgers and they had one son, Verne. Her second marriage was to Roy Jackson.

Ella was first married to Charles Hobsen, and her second marriage was to Robert Baughman. She has no children.

REINKE FAMILY

Our family consists of myself, Frances Reinke, my husband Leonard Reinke and our dog, Brandy-Bear, two chameleions, two hermit crabs, hundreds of tropical fish and two turtles. Brandy Bear is a toy collie puppy. Her mother was Screwball, the best dog a family could have ever had for six years. Screwball passed away the summer of 1975—everyone in our neighborhood loved that dog, so we around Cedar Trail in Ogden Dunes are still very much saddened by the loss of Screwball.

I am the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kasperek of East Gary, Indiana. My late grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Zowal of East Gary and Mr. and Mrs. Kasperek of Gary, Indiana.

I attended Columbus grade school and East Gary Edison High School. Academically I was fourth in my graduating class. I received the Betty Crocker award, the American Legion Award, and The Miss Edisonian award upon graduation in 1959. I also was fortunate enough to attend Hoosier Girls' State during the summer of 1958—this experience was one of the most rewarding in my life. I only wish every girl could have the opportunity to attend Hoosier Girl's State. I was the senior class treasurer and also a member of the yearbook and newspaper and various clubs and organizations. The Future Teachers of America was one of the best clubs I belonged to and membership in the FTA, I'm sure, guided me along into my present position of biology and anatomy teacher at Gavit High School in Hammond, Indiana where I have taught for 12 years. I am also a part-time instructor at St. Joe's Calumet College, East Chicago. My teachers throughout my grade school and high school education were mostly terrific and I feel very fortunate to have grown up in the small town of East Gary. I must also praise the teachers I had at Indiana University where I received a B.S. in Education, biology, 1963, the University of Michigan where I received an M.A. in counseling and guidance, 1965 and at Notre Dame University where I received a specialist degree in geology, 1972. Also I attended the following Universities during various summers with grants from the National Science Foundation; Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Montana State University, Ball State University, Butler University and Argonne National Lab in Illinois.

In 1975, my first book, AUTUMN RAIN, a tragic love story was published. I am presently working on two more books, KELLY GREEN and YOU DID WHAT WITH YOUR CLOTHES? I have always been interested in writing and I do hope that eventually I will become a best seller author.

In 1969 on June 21, my husband Leonard and I were married at St. Francis Xaviere church in East Gary. We lived in East Gary for 3 years and in October of 1971 we bought our present house in Ogden Dunes. Our home has lots of history connected with it since it was built by Samuel Reck in 1923 when he first began the development of Ogden Dunes. Our home was the first year round home to be constructed between Gary and Michigan City north of U.S. 12. We have pictures of the home in 1923 when it was surrounded only by sand dunes. We purchased the house from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeman who had lived in it for twenty-five years and are now retired in Lyons, Colorado.

We love living in Ogden Dunes. We are fortunate enough to see the beauty of Lake Michigan from almost every window in our home. Next year we hope to build an additional bedroom.

My husband, Leonard, attended St. Mark's grade school and Lew Wallace High School and graduated from Bishop Noll Institute in 1959. He lived in Glen Park until we were married. He attended St. Joes Calumet College and hopes to finish work on his degree in the very near future. He is employed by Ironworker's Local #395 in Hammond, Indiana. He attended the Iron-

workers school at Purdue University to become an Ironworker Journeyman. We have been very fortunate to have travelled throughout the U.S.A. and around the world. Travelling is our first love and we anticipate seeing much more of this world before we leave it.

We plan on remaining in Porter County for the rest of our years.

REV. REISCHAUER

The following is a brief outline of my ministry, and our coming to Valparaiso.

The Rev. H. A. Reischauer, BT, and Anna G. (Woidke) Reischauer. I was born 5/19/99 in Tulare, S.D. My father was a missionary in this frontier country. Our first parsonage was a sod hut. The fuel for the winter was dry cow chips and straw. Often our meals consisted of frozen potatoes and homemade bread. Mrs. Reischauer was born in Cleveland, O., 7/26/02. She attended Western Reserve U., and worked as librarian for 10½ years. We were married 8/29/28.

I was graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill. 5/28, and received my first pastorate at Trinity Lutheran Church, Arcadia, Mich. which I served six years to the date, 9/2/28 to 9/2/34. Our son Ronald was born here 7/30/29. Besides leading the congregation in the transition from German to English, I also taught parochial school, 8 grades. Mrs. Reischauer assisted in teaching art.

On 8/26/34 I received a call to Our Savior Lutheran (mission) Congregation in Flint, Mich., which I served for 21½ years. Besides the mission work of building the congregation, I also taught school here for two years. Our daughter Lois (Prahlow) was born here 9/30/38. It soon became evident through the growth of the mission that larger quarters for worship and the school had to be provided. A new site was purchased, and in 1947, after building restrictions were lifted, the construction of a Modern Gothic Stone Church and School was begun. This structure was dedicated to the Glory of God on 10/10/48. The congregation had grown from 68 to 544 communicants, and 359 baptized children.

In June 1955 I received and accepted a call to St. Marks Lutheran



Church, St. Charles Ill., which I served for 10½ years. Here I led the congregation in remodeling a former Methodist Church which was given to the congregation by Mr. Ed. Baker. For continued growth and expansion the remainder of the block was purchased, and the plans for a Sunday-school and Fellowship Hall were drawn in the spring of 1965.

At this time the Christian Community Action Association of Valparaiso was in need of House Parents for Greenwich House, which had been started the previous year. On 11/29/65 we moved to Valpo. Mrs. Reischauer became the House Mother of Greenwich House. In 3½ years it was our prvilege to help 33 ladies of Beatty Hospital to live back into society. Four of these ladies are still actively employed in Valpo.

In 3/10/68 Immanuel Lutheran Church asked me to take over the pastorate to the sick and shutins of the congregation, and to assist in the Sunday Services. We have enjoyed our residency and work in Valpo immensely. The Lord has blessed us abundantly and given us the joy of being near to our daughter and son-in-law Lois and August Prahlow, and their five children, Christopher, Joseph, Timothy, Deborah, and Nathan. We also have a granddaughter Ruth Flunder and a great-grand-daughter, Anne Marie, living in Detroit, Mich., and an adopted grandson David, who lives with our son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Evangeline Reischauer, in St. Charles, Ill. Our hobby is woodwork and decoupaging. The Lord has been good to us all these years, we give praise and glory to His Holy Name.

JAMES T. RICHMOND FAMILY

James T. Richmond family lived at their present location in Portage Township, RR 1, Hobart, Indiana since 1928.

We have one son, Gene Alan that lives with his wife Kathy and two sons. James Alan—5 years old and Gene Michael—1½ years old, on RR 1, Hobart, Indiana.

We reared two of my nephews, Virgil R. Crisman, (now living with his family in Monticello, Indiana) and Paul E. Crisman (living in Hobart, Indiana). They are two of Ray Crisman's grandsons (sons of Ralph). Ray Crisman was a pioneer of Porter County—1874 to 1967. Lived in the area of Wheeler, Indiana.

Submitted by Edith R. Richmond



MR. AND MRS. LEON RIGG

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rigg were married in November of 1939. They had four children who are now married. Judy the oldest, lives in Chicago and teaches Senior high English and Speech, is married to Robert Mathias. James, married to Linda Williams, has two sons, Gary and Mark; Wallace, married to Linda Rush, has one son Kevin. Thomas, married to Karin Fait, has Daniel and Lisa. The three sons live in Washington Township, Indiana.

Leon's parents were James and Edna Rigg who purchased this farm in 1908. It was known as Maple Leaf Farm. James Rigg served as Township Trustee and as County Commissioner. Leon's paternal grandparents were Wallace and Florence McGinley Rigg who farmed in Porter Township. His maternal grandparents were James and Lovina Ludington, also of Porter Township. His great grandparents, Hazard and Elvira Sheffield came to Porter

Township from Rhode Island and acquired 700 acres of land in Porter Township. They built a large 14 room brick Victorian style home which still stands. It is near Porter Cross Roads on Indiana State Road 2.

Mildred Rigg's parents were Kenneth and Nina Dilley. Her maternal grandparents were Al and Ida L. Worstell who came from Ohio. He was a school teacher. Her family name was Uhrich, from which Uhrichsville, Ohio was named. Mrs. Leon Rigg's paternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. John Dilley. The farm they owned had belonged to her parents Daniel Merriss. It was located 2 miles south of Hebron, Indiana. That same farm house is still standing and being lived in.

John Dilley was a grandson of Mrs. Mary Dinwiddie Dilley who as a widow with one son, David, came in 1836, in covered wagon with other Dilley and Dinwiddie families who settled in southern Porter and Lake counties. The Dilleys were Irish people from Pennsylvania. The Dinwiddies were from Virginia and were from the Scotch-Irish who migrated to the American colonies as Protestants and Presbyterians from Scotland and North Ireland.

Mrs. Leon Rigg taught school in Porter County Schools, starting as First Grade Teacher in Westchester Township.

Leon carried on the farm from his parents. He served on the Porter County board of Commissioners and worked many years in Porter County 4-H Club work as Supt. of the Beef Cattle Division of the 4-H Fair and as a member of the aFir Board. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rigg are members of the First Christian Church in Valparaiso. He is also a member of Masonic Lodge and she is a member of Eastern Star of Valparaiso.

Information taken from "History of Porter County" and from "Dinwiddie Family History."

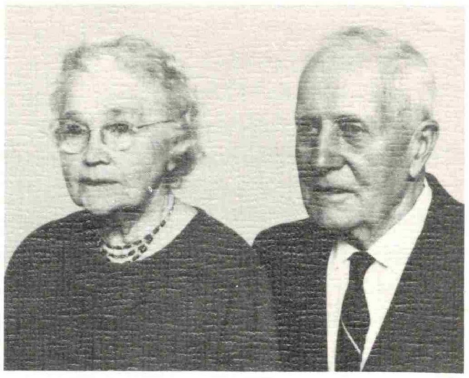
DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL E. RIGG

Samuel E. Rigg came to Porter County with his parents, William and Mary Wallace Rigg, in 1861 at the age of eight. Samuel was the youngest of five brothers. In 1859 his father William came to Porter County from Lawrence County, Pennsylvania in search of work. He brought with him a threshing machine and his Morgan horses via the Pennsylvania Railroad. On the first of November 1859 he purchased 160 acres of farm land with buildings, five miles southwest of Valparaiso, for $4,500. He moved the family to this location in 1861. This land is now owned by Samuel's grandchildren. The original house is occupied by tenants.

In 1881 Samuel purchased an adjacent 40 acres to the north of the original farm where he and his bride, Caroline Reif, settled in 1883. Their only child, Roy E., married Ida Skinkle in 1905 and later moved to the original 160 acres. Their three children Auretta, Newell and Neil were born and raised on this farm. In 1945 Auretta and her husband, the late Wallace Aylesworth, purchased and now reside on the 40 acres her grandfather had bought in 1881. The Aylesworths were school teachers in Porter County retiring in 1968. Wallace retired as Superintendent of the Portage School System and Auretta from the Valparaiso Public Schools. Their daughter Adair (Mrs. Robert Wiese) and children Wallace, Wynn and Wanda reside on a dairy and beef farm near Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Arden (Mrs. Larry Lansing) and children Lisa, Lori and Lance purchased a dairy and beef farm near Darlington, Wisconsin. They moved from Porter County in 1973.

Newell and his wife, the former Gladys Aylesworth, purchased a farm and reside fou. miles south of the home site. Their son Roger married Kay Baldwin and live on the farm with their daughters Debra and Krista. Their daughter Vernice (Mrs. Donald Buchanan) and children Ronald, Kathy and LuAnn reside on a farm in the Hebron area.

Neil's widow, the former Charlotte Norton, and their daughter Jane (Mrs. Ronald Fisher) and grandchildren Valerie, Laurie and Julie reside in the Hebron area.



GERTRUDE HELENA LENBURG ROBBINS

I was born March 3, 1888, on the farm of my parents in Portage Township, on the same site my brother now lives on. I taught 1st 8 grades of school at the Heaton School in Portage Township for 2 years, before marrying Joseph Samuel Robbins. We now reside in the Robbins ancestral home.

I am a descendant of Jacob and Anna Lenburg, the first German immigrant couple to be married in Valparaiso, on March 28, 1856, settling in Portage Township in 1860. They were the parents of 7 children; John, James, Louis, Don, Anna, Minnie, all growing to adulthood and residing nearby; and the youngest, Alvina, who moved to Kansas and died in Texas.

Every year we have a Lenburg family reunion. My living cousins are Harvey Lenburg, of the city of Portage, son of John; Flora Hockelberg, Liberty Township, daughter of Louis; Elmer Lenburg, of the city of Portage, son of Don; John Tofte of Jackson Township, son of Anna; Anna Dalke and John Benke, both of the City of Valparaiso, children of Minnie. My sister, Anna Thiesen, of Valparaiso, and my brother, James Lenburg, of the city of Portage and myself, are the living children of James.

I also have a heritage from my mother, Helena Weitzel, whose parents

Robbins Homestead



came from Germany. They sailed over the ocean in a sailing vessel for 6 weeks, before landing in New Orleans, Louisiana. They went on to friends in Chicago, Illinois. My mother was born in Chicago. They decided to move on to Indiana, and drove from Chicago with a team of oxen to Whipporwill Prairie in Liberty Township, where they built a house which is still standing with modern additions, and is occupied by Garhart Weitzel, my cousin, and his wife, Marian.

My grandmother and grandfather Lenburg celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary; my mother and father celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and my husband and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary. At each of the celebrations none of the grandchildren were yet married.

I have been blessed with six children; Ruth, Marjorie Herren, and Lauretta McDonald, living; and Mary Joe, Elizabeth and Lewis, deceased; eight grandchildren, Joseph Putnam Robbins, Janet Robbins, Edith Elderkin, Susan Dean, Joseph James McDonald, Douglas McDonald, Lewis Herren and Nicholas Herren; twelve great grandchildren, Brian Putnam Robbins, Elizabeth and Mark Samuel Robbins; Paul, Robbins and Stuart Suckow; Constance, Christina and Paul Dean; Sarah Elderkin, Stacy Marie Herren and Michael Herren.

JOSEPH SAMUEL ROBBINS

I was born April 30, 1881, at the place where I now reside. Samuel Putnam Robbins was my grandfather. Grandfather came to Porter County in 1833, before the government land sale, and settled on Squirrel Creek, Portage Township. He bought government land for $1.25 acre, and built a log cabin on it. Later he went back to Ohio, and married Caroline Coe, and brought her back to Indiana. They were the parents of 7 sons and 1 daughter. Five sons grew to manhood; Amos, who settled on what is now the corner of Robbins Road and State Road 149; Levi, who moved to Kansas; James, who also settled on what is now known as Robbins Road east of the homestead in Portage Township; my father, Lewis Henry, who always remained on the old homestead; and Joseph, who moved to Iowa. My father went back to the old homestead in Ohio, and married Mary Adelaide Stacy. Of that union I was the oldest, followed by my sisters, Grace Moran and Edith Strong, and my brother, Glen. Grace and Glen are both deceased.

The first graduating class in Portage Township was in 1895, consisting of 3 graduates, Henry Robbins and Bertha Robbins, my cousins, and myself. There were no higher schools than the 8th grade in Portage Township at that time. I then went to the Normal School at Valparaiso, took the Commercial Course the first year, and went back to the Normal School the second year, taking the Teacher's Course, graduating from both courses. I then went to Morgan Park Military Academy at Morgan Park, Illinois, for one year, which was then the preparatory school for Chicago University. I then registered at Purdue in the 4 year Agricultural Course, where I went for 2 years, and graduated from the 2 year Agricultural Course. I was very active in the athletic work of basketball and wrestling. My reputation was the greatest strength for my weight of any student in Purdue.

After coming home from two years at Purdue I joined my father in farming and also operating a general store, elevator and implement business at the Village of McCool. The Post Office of McCool was located in the general store, and I was postmaster for several years. The McCool Post Office was robbed one night during the time I was postmaster. I located the robbers in Chicago, both of whom were ex-convicts. There was a trial in Indianapolis, and the robbers were sentenced to the federal penitentiary in Illinois.

On June 18th, 1907, Gertrude Lenburg and I were married, after she had taught 2 years at the Heaton School in Portage Township.

I had one of the first automobile agencies in Porter County. The first agency was for the Reo automobile, and my first car was a one cylinder Reo. I later had agencies for the White Steamer, and the Stanley Steamer; and the little wooden frame, one cylinder automobile, known as the Brush.

I was the first business man ever in the city of Gary, which at that time was nothing more than the sand knobs occupied by the Calumet Club of Chicago. The only building was their Club House located on the beach of Lake Michigan, where the Gary Steel Mills now stand. The first grading and leveling of the sand knobs was done by horses and scraper, and Stein and Wyatt had the first contract for grading and leveling the sand knobs for the first steel mills. I furnished them all the feed for their horses, shipping hay and grain from the elevator at McCool, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad local. The feed and grain was unloaded at the old railroad shed of the Calumet Club House on the B & O. The only way I could get to Gary was by horse and buggy, going to what was then the town of Miller, driving down to the beach and going along the beach to the old Calumet Club House where Stein and Wyatt had their offices.

I furnished moulding sand and loam for foundries and steel mills in Chicago and around Chicago, shipping from my farm at McCool.

WILLIAM F. ROESKE

William F. Roeske, son of Reinhold and Emily Sonnenburg Roeske, was born in Palos Park, Illinois. He moved to a 140-acre farm at Boone Grove, Indiana, in 1928 and graduated from Porter Township High School (Boone Grove) and Valparaiso University. In 1937 he was employed by Tractor Works, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois, where he worked until the plant was closed in 1970. At present he is the Boone Grove Postmaster.

On June 23, 1940, he married Louise M. Wachholz, daughter of Robert G. H. and Anna Schimmel Wachholz. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, but moved in 1924 to an 80-acre farm located one mile west of Porter X Roads, Porter Township, Porter County, Indiana. She attended Porter X Roads Elementary School and graduated from Porter Township High School.

William and Louise are parents of three children: William Robert of San Diego, California; Marilyn Louise of Huntington Beach, California; and Sally Lorraine of Boone Grove, Indiana. All three children graduated from Boone Grove High School. William graduated from the University of California and received an M.D. degree from Stanford

University. Marilyn graduated from Indiana University and received a Ph.D. degree from Stanford University. Sally graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and also received an M.A.T. degree from Reed College.

William and Louise have three grandchildren: Lisa and Lara Roeske of California and Ian David Lucas of Boone Grove, Indiana.

William and Louise are of German ancestry. His maternal grandparents were born in Hochfeld, Germany (near Posen); his paternal grandparents were born near Bremen, Germany. His parents were born in Palos Park, Illinois. Louise's father was born in Kolberg, Germany. Her maternal grandparents were born in Brandenburg, Germany; her mother was born in Princeton, Wisconsin.

SARA ROMMELMANN

My name is Sara Rommelmann. I am 11 and go to Kouts School, the same as my sister Lisa who is 10 years old.

My mother is Jeanette Rommelmann. She has lived in Kouts all her life. She went to nursing school in Fort Wayne. Paul Rommelmann, my father, lived in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for about 20 years. He came to Valparaiso to go to Valparaiso University for 4 years. He is not certified to teach History. Dad is the principal of Kouts School. That is why we live in Kouts.

We used to live in Valparaiso, but we moved because of his job.

About a year ago, my mom had twin girls, Lora and Lila. They get into everything, but are fun at times.

All six of us go to St. Paul's Lutheran Church here in Kouts. I am a certified member of Ray Nitschke's Packer Backer club. My mom quilts for our church at our new Parish Hall. Mom, Lisa and I make ceramics when we get a chance.

Sara Rommelmann
Age 11—Kouts School

PAM ROSENBAUM

My name is Pam. I am the youngest in the family. I have two brothers. My mom's name is Gail and my dad's name is Dean. My oldest brother's name is Doug and my youngest brother's name is Jeff. They both like motorcycles.

We were living here when I was born but before that my parents lived in the old school house. Then they moved to the house we are in now.

We were at the ocean when all of a sudden this big wave came and swept me right off my feet and I just about drowned.

Pam Rosenbaum
Kouts School
Grade 5B

ROSEBERRY FAMILY

Robert Bruce Roseberry was born at Leetart, West Virginia, September 7, 1860 and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Roseberry. He married Virginia Roberts who was the daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth Roberts, born in Mason County, West Virginia in the year 1866. They were united in marriage in 1886. To this family were born four sons, one of which was Ronald Earl Roseberry. Robert Bruce, the father, died in 1900 and the mother married W. H. Swixher.

Ronald Earl Roseberry was born at Beal, West Virginia on December 1, 1887 and was a farmer near Boone Grove, Indiana. On February 27, 1913 in Boone Grove, he married Bessie Vine Shreve. To this union was born one son, Max Duane Roseberry. Ronald Earl passed away on January 13, 1970 and Bessie Vine on December 11, 1962.

MAX DUANE ROSEBERRY

Max Duane Roseberry was born on July 7, 1920 in Porter County and graduated in 1938 from the Boone Grove High School. He farmed with his father for a number of years. He also managed Borden Dairy of Hebron for some years until the unit was closed. Since that time he has served as a deputy sheriff of Porter County and as a security officer at the Bridge Vu Theater. On January 31, 1942 he married Deltha Maudette Johnston in LaPorte, Indiana. She was born on March 26, 1923 in Valparaiso, Indiana. They are the parents of five boys and two girls.

David Bruce Roseberry—April 23, 1943—Truck dispatcher for Wanatah Trucking

Roger Duane Roseberry—July 16, 1944—Killed in Viet Nam March 21, 1967.

Dennis Scott Roseberry—November 19, 1945—Works in construction.

Cynthia Sue Roseberry — August 11, 1947—Employed as a secretary.

Marlin Kent Roseberry—March 8, 1951—Employed in security at Bethlehem Steel. Student at Purdue North West.

Melody Ann Roseberry—July 25, 1957 — Student at Purdue West Lafayette.

Robin Johnston Roseberry — November 27, 1960—High School Student at Hebron High School.

MOX GRISE RUGE

Mox Grise Ruge, Attorney at Law (1907-1967)

Mox Grise Ruge was the eldest son of five children all of which were born in Valparaiso, Indiana to Dr. Marx Ruge of Valparaiso (1877-1944) and Nellie Grise Ruge of Mishawaka, Indiana (1882-1959). A brother, Harry William Ruge, was born in 1909 and married Victoria Sierman in 1943. A son, Robert, was born in 1952. The Harry Ruge family resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Major Robert Franklin Ruge was born in 1914 and died in 1944 in the service of the United States Marine Corps. He was a graduate of Annapolis Military Academy.

Pauline Ruge Giles was born in 1916, resides in Valparaiso and is engaged in the Real Estate business in Valparaiso. Pauline's son, Robert Eugene Giles, was born in 1951, is a graduate of Hanover College and is employed with Sears & Roebuck Company in Columbus, Ohio, where he resides.

John Wallace Ruge was born in 1918, graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1943 and served as Porter County Clerk 16 years and as City Judge for two years. John is the father of Susan Lynn Ruge, born 1956 in Valparaiso, and John Robert Ruge, born 1957, also in Valparaiso.

Mox Grise Ruge, born December 7, 1907, practiced law in Chesterton, Indiana from 1932 to 1967. He served as Porter County Attorney from 1943 to 1967. He was President of the First State Bank of Porter, also President of the Chesterton Rural Loan and Savings Association. He was a member of the Porter County Bar Association, Valpa-

raiso Country Club, and various other organizations . On May 19, 1936 Mox married Ann Fitzgerald, who was born February 10, 1916 in Valparaiso, Indiana. Ann is on the board of directors of the First State Bank of Porter and holds the office of Executive Vice President of the First State Bank of Porter. Ann is also a well known artist, and is author of "Thought For Today" which has been published in the Chesterton Tribune since 1960. Because of her career achievement Ann is in "Who's Who in Women of America." She has been an active member of Alpha Rho Chapter of Delta Theta Law Sorority since 1937 and is a member of St. Patrick Church in Chesterton.

Mox Grise Ruge and Ann Fitzgerald Ruge are the parents of 4 children, born in Chesterton, Indiana. Mark Fitzgerald Ruge was born October 10, 1937 and is employed with National Can Company in Gary, Indiana. He married Dawn Duncan of Valparaiso in 1957 and they reside at Burns Harbor, and are the parents of eight children—Kimberly Ann born 1958, Pamela Rae born 1959, Gwen Arlene born 1960, Mox Allan born 1962, Dawn Kathleen born 1964, Suzanne born 1965, Jacqueline born 1966, and Jason born 1976.

James David Ruge, second son of Mox and Ann Ruge, was born on May 17, 1940 and has been President of the First State Bank of Porter since 1971. He has been on the board of directors of the First State Bank of Porter since 1964. He is actively interested in horticulture and landscaped the Thomas Memorial Library of Porter, Indiana, in 1975.

Thomas Robert Ruge, third son of Mox and Ann Ruge, was born March 30, 1949 and in 1973 was married to Shawn Rosscup of North Dakota, born January 28, 1951. Thomas attended Culver Military Academy five summers. He is a graduate of Indiana University. He graduated from the School of Law of Valparaiso University in May of 1976. Thomas's wife, Shawn Ruge, is also a graduate of Indiana University and is a student at the Valparaiso University School of Law and will graduate in May 1977.

Kathleen Ann Ruge Scott, daughter of Mox and Ann Ruge, was born May 18, 1950, attended St. Mary's College of Notre Dame and in 1970 married Paul Charles Scott, born June 16, 1949 in Rochester, New York. Paul is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and of Syracuse University. Paul is presently employed with the Monroe Developmental Center of Rochester, New York. Kathleen and Paul Scott are the parents of one daughter, Meg Amanda, age 5 years. The Scott family resides in Fairport, New York.



JOHN COLLYN SAIDLA & FAMILY

John Collyn Saidla was born in Darlington, Ind., Sept. 28, 1901 to Byrd Saidla and Leota Hiatt Saidla. He married Mildred L. Easley July 12, 1922. She was born in New Market, Ind., to Charles W. Easley and Nancy Evelyn Buser Easley, April 5, 1905.

They went to LaPorte, Ind., two weeks after their wedding. There their three children were born, Collyn Jr. in 1923, Ila Joan in 1928 and Charles Byrdell in 1932.

John and Mildred started their machine shop about 1935 in LaPorte but it soon outgrew its building, so in July 1939 they bought the old China factory building in Chesterton. For 18 years the $140,000 China Factory stood idle before it was purchased by them. The main floor of the principal building was converted to their machine shop (Atlas Manufacturing Co). They employed 30 persons. Mildred worked along with John as a screw machine operator and delivery man.

The plant specialized in the manufacture of intricate metal parts that required the work of highly skilled machinists. Every other day they shipped 6,000 small metal pins to a Detroit auto plant for use in starters. They also produced an oil filter which was used on the engine of the Queen Mary. They also manufactured tripods and attachments for the manufacture of photographers' supplies.

Always interested in the advancement of youth, they built a roller skating rink (Atlas Roller Rink) on the upper floor.

In 1942 they installed their own diesel electric plant and 24 hours a day they engaged in defense work that turned out many screw products for construction of battleships, submarines, tanks and airplanes.

The front west end of the building was made into their 8 room apartment.

John and son, Collyn Jr., were flying members of the Civil Air Patrol. Jr. crashed in their plane in a corn field in Liberty Township and was killed Oct. 3, 1942. That same month John and Mildred sold the factory and building and moved their family to 130 Lincoln Ave.

Their next rink, from 1943 to 1946, was in what is now the west side of the Ben Franklin Store. There John started his Photography Studio.

In 1946 they built their new Atlas Roller Rink at 880 Indiana Ave. with the large Studio and the 12 unit apartments along 9th St., finishing the apartments in 1947.

On Oct. 18, 1947 Ila Joan, known as Jo, married Dallas B. Summers, known as Jonny. They have two children, Collyn Burtus and Julie K. Collyn B. married Justina Catherine Styonavich, they have a son, Steven Michael Wayne. Julie married E. Edward Esgate, they have a daughter, Sara Dawn.

Charles B. went into the Air Force in 1949. While stationed in California he married Bernardine Sieple, they had 3 children, Judy Ann, 1953, Donald Jay, 1955, and Sharan Marie, 1956. Charles divorced Bernardine and later remarried. He now lives in Los Angeles, Calif., with his wife, Rita D. Flandora, and son John Charles, 1965.

In the years between 1946 to 1964 John and Mildred operated their studio and rink. They sold and serviced Hallicrafter TVs and appliances. The studio also housed John's ham radio station W9NHA. He had worked in ham radio for over 50 years. He belonged to the radio clubs in LaPorte, Chesterton, and Valparaiso.

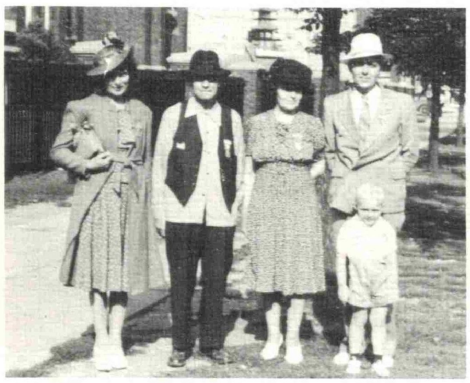
In 1959 John attended the John Herron Art School, Indianapolis, Ind. He became a noted ceramist and had a

large hobby and craft shop in with the photographic studio where he taught many people who came from all over the United States and Canada. He held many different kinds of arts and crafts classes for local youth and surrounding cities. John belonged to the Knights of Pythias Lodge in LaPorte, later moved his membership to the Chesterton Lodge.

In 1956 John and Mildred moved into the No. 1 apartment, as the house on Lincoln Ave. was just too large for just the two of them. About 1944 they bought a cottage in Monticello, Ind. Mildred still owns it.

On Sept. 11, 1964, John died of cancer. In 1965 Mildred sold the rink and in 1973 she sold the apartments. The studio had been sold at John's death. Mildred still lives in apartment No. 1, 127 So. 9th St., Chesterton, Ind.

Submitted by Mrs. Mildred L. Saidla



THE SALZER FAMILY

Jacob Salzer, German immigrant, came to Chicago before the Civil War and married Jennie Armitage, daughter of John Armitage (descendant of Sir Robert Armitage, relative and sword-bearer to King William I of England), one of Chicago's first brick contractors. Salzer's home and shoe store were destroyed in the Chicago fire. Their son, Edward, was born (1872-1951) soon after the couple's relocation in Rochester, N. Y.

While visiting in Indiana Edward met and married Edwina Hamann. Though apprenticed as an undertaker, he took up farming. Unsuccessful, he became a salesman for an English china firm, which demanded traveling to various cities and to England and Argentina. Later he made sign-painting and burnishing, undertaking, and accounting his business until his death at his son's home.

Meanwhile Edwina and her two children had lived with her parents and later kept house for her widowed brother William. In 1918 she and daughter Mabelle (1895-) purchased a small property south of Kouts. Edwina designed the new house (now owned by Mrs. Dorothy Anderson) and landscaped the yard.

Mabelle attended elementary schools at Stowell, Wilder, Chicago and Cincinnati. She has lived in Kouts since 1910 where she attended Lutheran parochial school. After K.H.S. graduation in 1915 she attended the original Valparaiso College, Valparaiso Lutheran U., extension classes from Ball State and Indiana U., and received her B.S. degree from Indiana State Teachers' College. She taught all 8 grades plus domestic science, agriculture and art at Stowell (3 years) and Five Points (2 years), substituted and taught second grade at Kouts for over 18½ years.

At 80, she completed her 20th year as Lutheran Sunday School teacher; is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since its organization; belongs to the General, Indiana, Porter County and Kouts Federation of Women's Clubs and is active in various community and church affairs. She paints pictures and won the Pleasant Township Bicentennial emblem contest award as Parade Grand Marshal. She is presently writing a novel on man's self-destruction. She married Emil Hofferth in 1920. Their one daughter, Estrella (Mrs. Franklin Rosenbaum) attended South Bend Business College after K.H.S. graduation and became a legal secretary, presently employed at A.M. General Motors. Son, Franklin Jr., is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force. Carol (Mrs. Dr. Kenneth Wendell), Purdue Masters graduate, is teaching Home Economics and John is a 2-year Purdue student.

Mrs. Salzer's son, William, was born in Cincinnati (1906-). After K.H.S. graduation he became a carpenter with Desilver Lyon and was a trim carpenter on the new school (1936). Subsequently he was employed by Smith-Nuppnau where he was promoted to construction superintendent, contributing his skill to many buildings in Kouts and Valparaiso besides his own and sons' homes. He served as Kouts Town Clerk-Treasurer for 18 years, town trustee for four years and Pleasant Twp. trustee for 8 years during which time the first elementary school addition was constructed. In 1930 he married Crystal Schroeder. Their two sons are K.H.S. graduates. Bill, Jr. (m. Vivian Johnston) is a ready-mix driver for Smith Nuppnau. He has two daughters, Colleen and Christi. Tom (m. Mary Bogan) has a son, Tom, and twin daughters, Caroline and Catherine. He is employed as an automatic turret lathe operator at Urschel Laboratories.

RAYMOND AND ANN SAMPSON

Raymond and Anne Sampson moved to Porter County in December 1945, after leaving Washington, D. C., where both had worked for the U. S. Government during wartime. They and their daughter, Carol Ann, who had been born in 1942 in Washington, first lived on Shore Avenue in Beverly Shores. They soon moved to Peterson Avenue in Beverly Shores, and after living there several months, they began looking for a homesite on which to build. They were especially looking for property with good water, and were happy to find some such acreage on U.S. Highway 12.

The property was being held by Porter County, however, for unpaid pauper funeral bill of Andrew Anderson, who purchased the land in the 1800's. After checking with the proper county officials, the Sampsons found that the land they wanted to buy had not been advertised for sale by the county because it was thought "no one would want it". The Sampsons did, however, and after completion of the necessary public advertising through Attorney Mox Ruge the only bid received was from the Sampsons, was accepted and the property was theirs.

They began building the house themselves and moved in when it was only partially completed on October 27, 1946. By then they had two children; their son William John had been born six months earlier. The Sampsons finished their house and cleared much of the wooded land for yard and garden. Their children attended Pine Township Consolidated School and Elston Junior and Senior High Schools. After being graduated from college, both children moved from Porter County. Carol now resides with her family in Columbus, Indiana, and Bill resides with his wife in West Lafayette, Indiana. Raymond

Sampson reired in 1973 from the Midwest Steel Division of National Steel Corporation.

PETER SAMUELSON FAMILY

One of the pioneer families to come to Porter County in the early 1850's was the Wistrand Family. They arrived in Baillytown from Stockholm, Sweden, and settled near the Bailly homestead, about one-half mile as the crow flies.

The Wistrand boys, after being here a few years, invited their mother, Kathern, to come to America and live with them on their farm. She did and lived there until she died in 1869. She is buried in the Burstrom Cemetery in Baillytown.

There are 6 known children in the family: Carl Johan, the eldest; August, Magnus and Per, who remained in Sweden; Louise, who married Frederick Burstrom, and Otilia, who married John August Samuelson.

To Otilia and John August Samuelson were born three sons, Frank, born in Sweden, and Peter, Charles.

Peter William Samuelson was born in 1860 on property one mile north of Highway #20, now owned by Bethlehem Steel Corp. Peter married Jenny Nelson of Baillytown in 1885. She was the daughter of Christina and John Nelson who also came from Sweden. They were the parents of 13 children.

Peter and Jenny purchased land and built a very small house on it. There they encountered the many difficulties of the pioneer life. Their entire water supply had to be hauled from springs in Salt Creek, about a mile from the farm house.

The couple prospered and in 1895, the little house was converted into a chicken house and a large brick home was built, which still stands and is presently occupied at 2162 Samuelson Road.

There were 5 children born to this union, Joseph, who died in infancy, George, the eldest, who passed away in 1975, Lillian, (Mrs. Rudolph Jannasch), who passed away in 1965, Oliver, who passed away in 1949 and Pearle, (Mrs. Bartley Farry) who resides at 2150 Samuelson Road.

Peter Samuelson died in 1943 at age 83 and Jenny died in 1944 at age 78. They are both buried in McCool Cemetery.

PAUL SANDKAMP FAMILY

Paul Sandkamp left Kiel, Germany at the age of 17 in 1921 and went to an Iowa farm to work off his passage, which took one year. For another three years he worked on farms, lumber camps from Minnesota to Kansas, and also cut ice on the Mississippi.

In 1926 he went to Chicago to learn a trade, settling on that of a baker and chef. He then came to Valparaiso to become chef and later chef-manager of the food services for the Hotel Lemke which was newly owned and operated by Julius Dreschoff.

The Hotel Lemke at that time featured French cuisine, was the meeting place for fraternities, sororities and service clubs of that time. Many a wedding reception and anniversary party lighted up the dining rooms as well as special parties such as hunter's parties with the catch prepared by Paul. Sunday dinner after church was also a well-attended social habit. During World War II the Army men stationed at VTI were fed at the hotel.

After the war Paul Carmichael owned the hotel, made many decorative improvements and kept the hotel in stride with the public's tastes.

In 1927 Paul married Julia Balogh, who came from South Bend with her family to work at the hotel. They had one daughter, Martha, who was educated in local schools, graduated from Ball State U. to become a math teacher and married Arthur F. Willing.

After 24 years working at the hotel Paul and Julia retired to Ocala, Fla., where they owned a small restaurant. Julia died in 1954 and Paul in 1956.

Submitted by M. S. Willing

HERBERT SCHLEMAN

William Schleman and Blanche, his wife, moved with their three children, Herbert, Helen and a younger brother, Delos, from Francesville, Pulaski County, to Valparaiso in the summertime of 1912.

Mr. Schleman had been in the harness and buggy and farm implement business and owned "Gas-well Farm", about a section three miles southwest of Francesville, which he operated with three tenants. Shortly before he moved to Valpo he sold the business and the farm and bought the "Breyfogle Ranch", 800 acres just south of Aylesworth Switch, touching the Kankakee River.

The Schlemans occupied rented houses for a short time until the permanent residence on Lafayette Street next to Judge Loring's was built.

Actively interested in building up the farm, Mr. Schleman laid miles of tile ditches, built miles of fences, built a second set of improvements and embarked upon a crop rotation program to enrich the soil.

Shortly after locating in Valparaiso, Mr. Schleman opened a real estate and insurance business, later known as the Schleman-Morton Company, and rapidly the company became a leader in the field.

Frank Morton from Minnesota was a young man at the University. His widow still lives in Valparaiso.

Mr. Schleman learned about the $1.00 down—$1.00 per week" plan, a plan for selling building lots used in other cities, and he introduced the plan in Valpo with considerable success.

However, the real interest of Mr. Schleman lay in land development and from the new office on Washington and Jefferson Street, he opened McIntyre Court Subdivision, City View Addition, the Pines on U.S. 12 near Michigan City, and then the great pride, Forest Park, a subdivision of many wooded home sites surrounding a 7-hole golf course, gradually expanded to 9. The course was eventually given by Mr. and Mrs. Schleman to Valparaiso as a Municipal Golf Course.

The Pines made a town near Michigan City on the Dunes Highway (U.S. 12). Parenthetically, the Pines offered Herbert Schleman his first opportunity and challenge as a real estate salesman. In partnership with Mr. A. R. Hardesty, they contracted to sell the Pines, opened an office in the Spaulding Hotel, used a strong advertising campaign, worked mighty hard and scored a big success. The start of the Pines was very interesting. Mr. and Mrs. Joers, a very elderly couple, owned the land and were selling it to Mr. Schleman. The purchase contract was all drawn, price for the 180 acres in quite a few thousands of dollars agreed upon, but just one thing—the money was to be paid all in cash. So Mr.

Schleman drove out to the Dunes Highway one night with a market basket full of money. His family breathed easier upon his safe return.

The Schlemans were active in the Methodist Church, Mr. Schleman was on the official board and was successful in raising money from the other members too. Mrs. Schleman was active in her Circle and every Sunday morning from Spring until Fall brought one or two bouquets for the altar from her garden in Forest Park. The children were members of the younger one's.

Generally civic minded Mr. Schleman was largely instrumental in the organizing and financing of the new Y.M.C.A., and organizer and Charter Member of the Rotary Club.

Of the children, the youngest, Delos, died of a heart problem at age 18. He was a tall, lanky boy, a good student, but a better golfer.

His sister Helen took her Master's Degree at Wellesley, was Dean of Women at Purdue for 25 years, is retired, and lives in a beautiful home in Lafayette. Shortly after her retirement she was awarded three honorary Doctors Degrees, two from Purdue and one from Valparaiso University.

The son Herbert is married and has four children and 10 grandchildren, lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, since 1938 and is modestly engaged in the land development business there. He married the daughter, Marian, of the Reverend and Mrs. George Livingstone, who was a Baptist minister for many years. Marian has been a leader of women's work in the Methodist Church in St. Petersburg and until recently led an interesting social life.

Mr. Schleman died in 1957 at age 84, followed by Mrs. Schleman's death in 1963 at age 88.

No Schleman is left in Valparaiso, but many friends are still there. The business affairs are all closed. The Forest Park and Forest Park Golf Course remain as true monuments to a family that moved there from Francesville 64 years ago.

SCHMIDT FAMILY

Martin E. Schmidt Jr. and Clara Fuller Schmidt and Family.

I, Martin, was born and raised on the land on which I now live, it was bought by my grandparents (Adolph and Amelia Schmidt) in 1909 when they came from Germany. There my father (Martin Sr.) and his brothers grew up. My father met and married Alvera Weidman (my mother); I was 6 months old when the influenza epidemic of 1918 took my mother. My grandmother then raised me until she died, I continued to work on the farm and out besides. While working at the wheelbarrel (The Anderson Co.) in Chesterton I met and married my wife (Clara Fuller). Shortly after our marriage I went to work for NIPSCO and have been there ever since. My wife and I are both lifetime residents of the county. She is the daughter of Henry A. Fuller and Ruth Tuttle Fuller, both lifetime residents of the area. They passed away last year after living here some eighty years.

We have three children: Emily, Edward and Fredrick Jon; all live in the area. Emily is married to Charles A. Johnson Jr. (the son of Charles A. Sr., a lifetime resident and farmer of this area) also two children, Diane Lynn, 5, and Charles E., 3. They live in Chesterton. Edward has built his house on 1050 N. Rd., next to us. Fredrick J. is presently living in Chesterton but is working on his home off Friday Rd., next to his brothers. He married Teri Lambert (the daughter of Peg Lambert and the late Mr. Lambert). They have two children, Kelly Lee, 3, and Christopher Jon, 1.

Here is a little history. There is a railroad crossing east of Chesterton named FULLER'S crossing after the late John B. Fuller, my wife's grandfather. We have all lived our lives in this county and seen it grow and been very happy we were a part of it. This is our home and we are proud of it. Thank you.

JOHN R. SCHNURLEIN FAMILY

My great-grandfather, George Schnurlein, was born in New Strausburg, Germany, in 1841. He came to the United States in approximately 1850 and settled with relatives near Crete, Illinois. George became a farmer and also a traveling blacksmith. He moved to what was long called the Schnurlein Farm between Lowell and Crown Point where he and my great-grandmother (Maria) raised four children.

My grandfather, William Schnurlein, and my grandmother (Ida Schwuchow) moved to an adjacent farm where they raised three children. William was a member of the Center Township Advisory Board. He and my great uncles all enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. They supplemented their farm income and food supply in this manner. My grandfather and father both told me of many enjoyable days spent along the old Kankakee River at the family camp near Schneider. Some of my own most pleasant childhood memories are of similar pursuits near Lake Dale Carlia, only a mile from the farm and one of Indiana's first man-made lakes. Before the dam was put in in 1928, my grandfather used to farm the land. My father recalls having some of his traps covered and lost as the water filled the new lake.

My father, Roger Schnurlein, graduated from C.P.H.S. in 1922 and Purdue in 1926 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He served as a Crown Point volunteer fireman, City Councilman, president and district governor of Kiwanis, and is an Indiana Real Estate Broker, having earlier owned his own plumbing and heating business. He and my mother (Estelle Stolberg from Lowell) were married in 1927. They were Worthy Matron and Patron of the Eastern Star Lodge in C.P. in 1941. Dad is a past master of Lake Lodge #157 F. & A. M. of Crown Point and I also belong to this Lodge.

I graduated from Crown Point H.S. in 1948 and received a marketing degree from Indiana University in 1952, the same year I married the former Joan Merrill from Indianapolis. Her family was originally from Frankfort, where her grandfather was president of the Clinton Co. Bank. Her father, Fred, is an Indianapolis C.P.A. Fred and Joan's mother (Ruth) live on the north side of Indianapolis as do her brother Tom and sister Judy, now Mrs. Max Williams. Joan attended Indiana University two years and we both are licensed Indiana Real Estate salesmen, having studied at Purdue and Indiana. We have two children, Mrs. Kurt Frey (Ruth) and David, presently a junior at Purdue University. Kurt, originally from Lansing, Illinois, is a graduate of Valparaiso University. Ruthie attended Vincennes University. We've lived in Porter County 20 years. We owned and

managed Schnurlein's Hardware in Kouts for six years, then served as sales promotion and credit manager for Heinold Elevator Company, Inc. for another six years. I've been Director of Marketing at Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company since 1968. I've been active in the Kouts and Valparaiso Chambers of Commerce, The Porter County United Way, N/W Regional Planning Commission, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Advisory Commission, Indiana Bankers Association and currently I'm serving as a Valparaiso City Councilman-At-Large.

It was my pleasure to serve as publicity chairman for the Kouts Centennial Celebration in 1965 and also chairman for the Northern Indiana Bank Centennial in 1973 and 1974. Written reports on both events are in the public library. I've also enjoyed serving as Treasurer of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Porter County and have had the pleasant opportunity of meeting with many Porter County citizens and groups, young and old, who are interested in our Porter County and N/W Indiana heritage. I close this family history with the thought with which I opened many of these meetings. The U.S.A. is indeed a very young nation. My son has witnessed 10% of its history, I've seen 23%, my father 36%. The Schnurlein family has been here for 63%. On behalf of our five generations, Happy Birthday, America . . . you've given us a lot of opportunity. We pray that these opportunities continue for another 200 years!

WILLIAM JOHN AND ELIZABETH (BETTY) A. SCHROEDER

William John and Elizabeth (Betty) A. Schroeder were married October 21, 1958. Bill's parents, William A. and Melba A. (Wood) Schroeder, were born and raised in Porter County. Bill was born March 16, 1941 in Valparaiso. He attended Valparaiso grade schools and Valparaiso High School. He is active in YMCA and Indian Guides and he is a member of Valparaiso Elks Lodge.

Betty's parents, David M. and Marjorie L. (Fulton) Hill, were also born and raised in Porter County. Betty was born August 11, 1943. She attended Flint Lake grade school, Central Junior High and Valparaiso High School. Both graduated from Portage High School. She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

We have four children, two daughters and two sons. Terri Lynn, born May 13, 1959, is a junior at Valparaiso High School. Patricia Jean, born December 2, 1960, is a sophomore at Valparaiso High School. Robert Allen, born October 13, 1962, is an 8th grader at Thomas Jefferson Jr. High. Thomas John, born November 7, 1963, is a 7th grader at Thomas Jefferson Jr. High.

We have lived at our present address in Valparaiso for 16 years and enjoy the area.

Bill worked for Youngstown Sheet and Tube from 1959 to 1966 as an electrician until his father's death. He then went into the family business (Schroeder's Dairy Queen), in partnership with his mother. In 1967 the business was relocated to the east end of Valparaiso. Then in 1972 we purchased the Dairy Queen and are now owner/operators.



William John Schroeder Family

BRADD M. SCHULTZ

My name is Bradd M. Schultz. I am 10 years old. I have a sister in the 10th grade. She is 16 years old, and her name is Lori M. Schultz, and I have a brother in kindergarten. He is 5 years old and his name is Scott D. Schultz. My dad's name is Val R. Schultz and my mom's name is Janice R. Schultz.

My mom and dad were born and raised. We have lived in town for 11 years and then we moved out in the country about 3 miles out of Kouts.

We have 14 pets. We have 3 acres of land and we have a brick house and a basement.

SCHWINKENDORF

Frederick and Wilhime (Minnie) Schwinkendorf came to America from Germany in the mid-1800's. They settled in Valparaiso where he was able to get work. In the year of 1872 he bought a farm in Washington Township in Porter County.

The property dates back to 1832 when it was occupied by the warriors and chiefs of the Potowatomie Indian tribe with Chief Kisis Shadona as leader. The land grant was given to the Potowatomies and agreed to under a treaty signed by U. S. President James K. Polk. The Chief Shadona died about 1838, so the land was handed down to his brothers and sisters. They eventually sold to the white man about 1865. It may be interesting to note that the interest rate at that time was 10%. Through the years, even to this day, arrowheads, beads and relics are still being plowed up each spring.

It wasn't long after Frederick and his wife became citizens of this great country that he became very civic minded and his interest in politics resulted in his being assigned to Supervisor of Roads. They were members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Three children were born to them, but only one son, Fred W., survived.

Fred W. married Caroline Lindeman about 1890. Walking in his father's footsteps, he, too, became politically minded and was elected Township Trustee.

Fred W. and his wife had 5 sons and 3 daughters, Laura, Ernest, Louis, Arthur, Hulda, Earl, *Howard* and Grace. In 1916 Fred W. and his Caroline inherited the family farm in Washington Township, which was across the road from their home. Caroline died March, 1929; Fred W. died September, 1943.

In 1944 their son, Howard, bought said farm from the rest of the heirs. He had 4 children, Karen, Richard, Laura Mae and Edward.

Howard, his brothers and sisters attended Washington Township School, as did his 4 children, and now three grandchildren, which makes the 3rd generation at the same school.

Howard became interested in politics and civic developments and in May, 1954, was chosen Democratic County Chairman of Porter County. He held that office until May, 1960. He and his wife, Dorothy, still reside on part of the family farm. They both retired from Indiana General in 1973. They are en-

joying their home, hobbies and gardening and the wonderful nature and wild life that surrounds them daily.

Howard's son, Edward, and wife, Rosemary, and their 4 children reside close by on another part of the family farm.

With hope and good luck this area may be blessed with a 5th or 6th generation of Schwinkendorfs . . . .God willing.



THE FAMILY OF AMERICO JOSEPH SEMENTO, JR.

Americo Joseph Semento, Jr., is the son of Americo Joseph Sr. and the late Theresa Semento. The senior Sementos, who were born in Italy, moved from Chicago to Valparaiso in 1920 to escape the Mafia. Americo and Theresa first operated a clothing and fur tailoring store where the present J. C. Penney store is located. They also purchased land for a farm. 1939 opened their restaurant on U.S. 30, which is still operating. Americo Sr. is at present the oldest living merchant in Valparaiso.

Americo Joseph Jr. ("Joe") was born October 9, 1926, in Valparaiso, where he graduated from St. Paul's School and Valparaiso High School. While serving in the U. S. Navy during World War II, he used the tailoring skills learned from his father. After an honorable discharge, he built and operated the Villa Court Motel on U. S. 30 adjoining his father's restaurant. He also helped to operate the family business.

Later, Joe moved to Los Angeles where he owned and operated a dry cleaning establishment in 1953 and 1954. There he met Delia Haro, whom he married in Valparaiso on January 15, 1955. Shortly after their marriage, Joe and Delia purchased land for their own farm and Joe worked for several years at Indiana General. Delia became employed at Porter Memorial Hospital, where she has worked ever since.

At present, Joe Jr. is a partner with his father, brother and three sisters in "Semento, Inc.," which operates the restaurant, motel and farm on U. S. 30. Joe and Delia also maintain their separate small farm along with several home rentals. Recently they acquired and rebuilt Baum's Bridge Inn near Kouts. The landmark site of the Inn at Baum's Bridge, which was built in 1863 to replace Etons Ferry of 1836, is that of an old Indian trail and post.

On March 28, 1956, a son named Americo Joseph Semento, III, was born to Joe Jr. and Delia at Porter Memorial Hospital. In 1973 Americo Joseph III ("Joe III") married Robin Stalbaum, who was born in Valparaiso on April 1, 1956. The Stalbaum family has resided in Porter County for several generations. Joe III owns and operates the Semento Construction firm in Valparaiso. A half-brother, Harry James Semento, is also employed with the firm.

Americo Joseph IV ("Rico") was born on September 24, 1973, to Joe III and Robin, becoming the fourth generation of the Semento family in Valparaiso. The accompanying photo of the four generations was taken August 13, 1974, at the annual picnic at the farm of Joseph Jr., held to celebrate the birthday of his father. At the time of this photo, Americo Joseph Sr. was 81 years old.

BRIEF HISTORY OF SHADE FAMILY

Through records and a family Bible the first record of the Shades was Samuel Shade, who was born in 1838 in Pennsylvania. He met and married Elizabeth Burthaimer from Ohio, on August 13, 1862 in Middle Indiana. They then moved to Canada where their first son was born, Daniel Shade 1864. 1867 Amos Shade was born in Alen County, Indiana, who died in Valpo in 1901 from a fever. Records show in 1869 Samuel Shade was born in Valparaiso, Ind., he died 14 days later. Other children were Mary Shade 1870, Nellia Shade 1873 (she married George Lepell); William Shade 1875, he died 1 year and 14 days later. Amanda Shade in 1878, who later married Al Amberg, a rich tobacco store owner. George Shade in 1880, moved to Hammond and later died. Charles Shade in 1883, he died in Valparaiso in 1973, who was the last to survive. Samuel Shade, father of these people, became a well-known contractor thru his life in Valparaiso. He contracted such buildings as the old Court House, the old Catholic Church and the old jail, where his name is on the cornerstone today. Also many private homes of prominent residents.

BRIAN SHUTSKE

My name is Brian Shutske. I live in Kouts and I go to Kouts school. I'm eleven and I have two brothers and one sister. My oldest brother, Larry, is twenty seven and works at Ammco, in Glenn Park. My sister, Linda, is twenty four and works at Saint Augustine School in Renssalear. My older brother, Jeff, is twenty and goes to Ball State University. My dad is fifty and he's a farmer. My mom is fifty one and she's a housewife.

My great grandfather moved from Chicago to Kouts to become a farmer. My grandfather and father were born and raised in Kouts.

Around 1921 my grandfather and three great uncles owned a general store for two years. My father was on the Kouts school Advisory Board for twelve years.

DONALD SHIRER FAMILY

Donald Leroy (5/10/31) and Karen Kent (5/18/35) Shirer moved to Valparaiso in August 1957 as bride and groom, coming from Columbus, Ohio. We lived upstairs at 605 N. College in the home owned by Mrs. Maude Fillwock. Our first home, 1309 Fairlane Avenue, was built in 1959 and we moved there with a new baby, Erin Scott (5/20/59). Two other sons were soon added—Lee Austin (5/26/60) and Kevin Kent (10/18/62). We moved in 1967 to the home designed and built by L. Oliver Graebner, former V.U. psychology department chairman, at 23 Martinal Road.

Donald, who is professor of physics at Valparaiso University, has also worked for Argonne National Laboratory (Z G S project) and for the University

of Illinois (educational consultant to PLATO computer project). He has been active in Community Theatre Guild: designed the light control board for the Porter County Memorial Opera House, directed the Guild's first musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," acted in several productions and is author of "Looking Glass Land," a musical based upon Lewis Carroll.

Karen, who has served as organist for Faith Lutheran Church and choir director of First United Methodist, Valparaiso, is a professional musician and teacher. Music is one of the favorite hobbies of the entire family. The boys have been active in drama productions, music groups, a bicycle repair shop and tennis.

ELLEN MARIE (SHOOK) AND CHARLES JOSEPH FORBES

Ellen Marie Shook was born August 20, 1915, Barkley Twp., Jasper Co., Ind., the daughter of William Addison Shook and Mary (Florence) Shook, both born Barkley Twp. Her grandfather, William Shook, and his father, Jacob Shook, were born in Virginia, migrating to Ohio, mid 1840's. William Shook came to Jasper Co. in 1860, marrying Margaret Dawson, born in that county, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Dawson. Mary (Florence) Shook was the daughter of Isaiah Florence, born Madison Co., Ohio, coming to Indiana with his parents, Obed and Eleanor (Hunt) Florence; their Florence, Hunt, Hill, Sleeper, and Burrough ancestors were early and mid-18th century residents of Virginia and Ohio. Isaiah Florence married Rhoda Ellen Williams, born Barkley Twp., daughter of William O. Williams and Margaret (Mackey) Williams, both born in Kentucky, married Johnson County, Indiana; they settled in Barkley Twp., in 1850. Margaret Williams was the daughter of David Mackey, born in Ireland, and Ellen, born in Kentucky.

The William Addison Shook family moved to Porter Co., February 1917. Ellen Marie Shook graduated from Wheeler High, 1933; in 1938 she and her parents moved to Valparaiso, where she was a secretary in real estate and insurance offices. May 20, 1949, in Valparaiso, she married Charles Joseph Forbes, born June 1, 1912, Waukegan, Ill., son of Harry Bremer Forbes, whose Forbes and Bremer ancestries were early settlers in Tuscarawas Co., Ohio. His ancestor Conrad Bremer was a Hessian who served in Washington's Army. Harry Forbes married Margueretta Mary O'Connor, born Milwaukee, daughter of John O'Connor, city fireman, and Mary (Connors) O'Connor; both were descendants of Irish immigrants. Charles Forbes and parents moved to Chicago in 1917, to Valparaiso in 1947. A graduate of Tilden Technical High, he was employed on Pennsylvania Railroad from 1940 to retirement, July, 1974; he was in the Army in WWII, from 1942 to 1945, serving in this country and Europe.

Mallory Anne-Marie Forbes, daughter of Charles and Ellen Marie, was born on September 23, 1952; a 1970 graduate of Valparaiso High, 1973 of Valparaiso University, she married Lorace George Fogarty, Jr., April 26, 1974; they reside in Byron, Georgia; she is a librarian, Law Library, Mercer University, Macon.

For several years Charles and Ellen Marie Forbes have researched their ancestry, sharing with relatives and libraries their findings.

IRMA MAE (SHOOK) AND GEORGE C. MARQUART

Irma Mae Shook was born April 6, 1896, Union Twp., Jasper Co., Ind., the eldest child of William Addison Shook and Mary (Florence) Shook, both born Barkley Twp., Jasper Co. William Addison Shook's father, William Shook, and grandfather, Jacob Shook, were born in Virginia, moving to Champaign Co., Ohio, mid-1840's. William Shook came to Barkley Twp., 1860; he married Margaret Dawson, born Jasper Co., the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Dawson. Mary (Florence) Shook was the daughter of Isaiah Florence, born Madison Co., Ohio; he came to Indiana as a child with his parents, Obed and Eleanor (Hunt) Florence; their Florence, Hunt, Hill, Sleeper and Burrough ancestors were living in Virginia and Ohio in early and mid-18th century. Isaiah Florence married Rhoda Ellen Williams, born Barkley Twp., daughter of William O. Williams and Margaret (Mackey) Williams, both born in Kentucky, married in Johnson Co., Indiana; they settled in Barkley Twp., 1850. Margaret Williams' parents were David Mackey, born in Ireland, and Ellen Mackey, born in Kentucky.

In February, 1917, the William Addison Shook family moved to Porter County. On August 11, 1921, Irma Mae Shook was married, in Kouts, to George C. Marquart, born March 1, 1883, in Union Twp., Porter Co., on the farm of his father, John Marquart, Sr., born 1830 in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, coming to Porter Co. in 1853; he married, in Valparaiso, Dorothea Gottsche, born in Schleswig-Holstein. John Marquart, Sr., gave a part of his farm for the site of Gordon Grade School, built in the 19th century, and assisted in its construction. George C. Marquart was for many years a carpenter, employed by Sinclair Oil, Whiting. He and his four sons all were graduates of Wheeler High School. He died October 29, 1961.

Irma Mae (Shook) Marquart has resided in Wheeler 54 years. Her son, George H. Marquart and wife, Donetta (McBride), live in Sullivan, Ind. Her son, Ralph M., owner and operator of Marquart Service Station, Wheeler, his wife, Emmajean (Glynn), their children, Barbara, teacher at Grissom Middle School, Portage, and Dean, Hobart High Senior, live in Hobart. Harold A. lives in Wheeler. Paul E. Marquart, employee Overhead Door Company, Lake-Porter, lives in Valparaiso with his wife, Wanda (Naillieux) and children, Jeffrey, employee David McDaniel Co., Janie, dental assistant, David, Valparaiso High Senior, and Diane, 4th grader. George H. and Ralph Marquart served in the Army, Harold in the Marines, in WWII; Paul Marquart was in the Army from 1952 to 1954, 17 months in Europe.

WILLIAM SHREVE

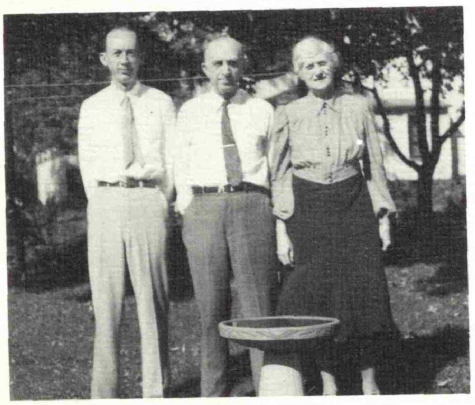
William Shreve owned a farm near Boone Grove, Indiana. He married Ida May Dills who was born at Westville on August 6, 1863. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Dills. They were the parents of one daughter, Bessie Vine Shreve.

Bessie Vine Shreve was born in Boone Grove, Indiana, October 11, 1894. She married Ronald Earl Roseberry February 27, 1913 in Boone Grove, Ind. She has one child, Max Duane Roseberry. She died on Dec. 11, 1962 at Valparaiso, Ind.

Submitted by Pearle Johnston

CARL SHURR

Carl Shurr was born July 22, 1900, son of George Shurr, on a farm south of Porter Cross Roads. He married Ivah Mitchell of Burlington, Iowa, on September 20, 1920. He moved to Valparaiso where he worked for the Home Ice Company delivering ice in Valparaiso for the next five years. In 1925 he went to work in the assembly plant of the Ford Motor Company of Hegewich, Illinois, where he also lived. Then in 1953 he was transferred to the new Ford Parts Depot in Melrose Park, Illinois, where he then moved to 229 E. North St., Elmhurst, Illinois to make his residence. He and his wife are still living there since he retired in 1967.



ERVIN SHURR FAMILY

Ervin Shurr was born on August 30, 1871, son of Lewis and Anna Shurr, on a farm south of Porter Cross Roads. He spent his first 30 years on the farm helping his father. When his father retired and moved to 308 Napoleon St., Valparaiso, Ervin also went with his parents. He then got a job in a general store where he soon met Minnie Schumacher, whom he married on April 26, 1906. He then moved to 255 Haas St., Valparaiso. They had one son, Kenneth Shurr, born on March 21, 1911. Ervin spent almost 20 years working in general stores and then went to Indiana General Steel Products where he worked until he retired. He died on March 29, 1968.

LEWIS SHURR CAME TO AMERICA IN 1853

Lewis Shurr, known as Ludwig Friedrich Schurr, was born in Wurttemberg County, Plochingen, Germany on April 5, 1829. He was the son of Johann Ludwig Schurr and grandson of Matthaus Schurr.

Born of a large family and since there was no work to be found at that time, Lewis boarded a cattle boat on the Rhine River and came to New York. He went on to Chicago where he soon left to come to Valparaiso looking for work. There he met the Fehrman family, who owned a farm southwest of Valparaiso, just south of Porter Cross Roads. Lewis worked for them for two years before marrying their daughter, Anna Fehrman.

When Anna's parents retired, Lewis took over the farm. They had eight children, who were George, William, Christina, Lewis, Jr., Luetitia, Ervin, Andrew, and Magdeline. When their son Andrew got married, Lewis, who had farmed all his life, turned the farm over to him and moved to 308 Napoleon St., Valparaiso to retire.

George Shurr, born March 10, 1858 to the parents of Lewis and Anna Shurr, married Louise Ehretsman and moved on a 80-acre farm next to his father's farm south of Porter Cross Roads. They had five children, who were Emerson, Anna, Vernon, Alta, and Carl. When his wife died, his son Vernon and his wife of one-year marriage moved in to help him. George bought more land and continued to farm for the remainder of his life.

VERNON SHURR

Vernon Shurr was born on March 1, 1892, son of George and Louise Shurr, on a farm south of Porter Cross Roads. He married Hazel Merriman of Valparaiso on March 4, 1914. They had four children, who were Harvey, Helen, Verna Ruth, and Emerson.

In 1918 Vernon joined a group of neighborhood farmers, who purchased a steam engine, thrashing machine, and corn shredder, which they operated together until 1930. When the machinery wore out, Vernon then purchased his own tractor, thrashing machine, and silo-filler and did custom work for his neighbors until 1940.

Also, in the early 1920's Vernon Shurr helped start the Porter County Farm Bureau Co-op by selling feed and coal to the farmers. About this time he started to sell insurance to the farmers through the joint companies of Farm Bureau and State Farm Mutual. When State Farm Mutual broke off from Farm Bureau, Vernon became the first State Farm agent in Porter County and the surrounding area.

In 1959 he turned his farm over to his son Emerson and moved to 835 East Lincolnway in Valparaiso where he continued with his insurance work with State Farm and Indiana Farmers Mutual until his death in 1966.

EMERSON SHURR

George Shurr's oldest son was Emerson Shurr (July 19, 1883-July 16, 1909). He married Elizabeth Schneider in 1905 and fathered one child, Harold Oliver Shurr (June 21, 1906—November 21, 1951). Harold married Isobel Foster on September 7, 1929. Their three children, Marilyn, Sarah Adell, and Michael Stephen were born October 23, 1934; May 11, 1938; and August 27, 1944, respectively.

Marilyn became Mrs. Ordell Gertsmeier on October 28, 1953. They have Nancy Joan born April 12, 1956; Robert Michael, born May 16, 1957; David Alan, born September 13, 1961; and Jonathan Paul, born January 10, 1971.

Sarah Adell married John E. Long and brought into the world John David, March 14, 1958; Rosemary Elizabeth, January 3, 1961; and Kathleen Hattie, September 2, 1962.

Michael Steven and Mary Jayne Nix were wed May 25, 1968, and have added twin girls, Barbara Jayne and Susan Diane, July 13, 1970.

EMERSON SHURR FAMILY

Emerson Shurr was born on April 17, 1920, son of Vernon and Hazel Shurr, on a farm south of Porter Cross Roads. He married Mary M. Phillips of Valparaiso on November 16, 1942. They had three children, Judith, Carol, and Larry.

Judith, born on March 16, 1946, married David Ewen of Wanatah on November 6, 1965. They had two children, Jeffrey and Julie.

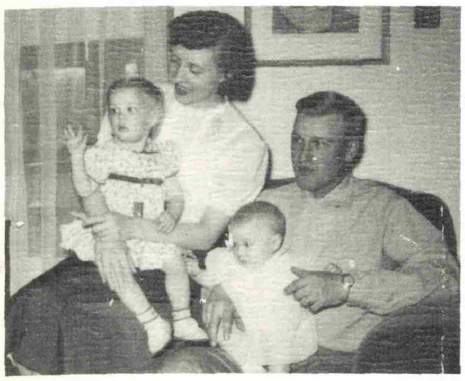
Carol, born on August 17, 1949, married Evan Landgrebe of Valparaiso on November 9, 1968. They had three children, Marci, Stacey, and Jason.

Larry, born on August 15, 1951, is unmarried and helping his father with farming and insurance.

Emerson attended Porter Cross Roads Grade School and graduated from Boone Grove High School. Upon his

marriage he lived on his father's farm and helped him with his farming. Later on he joined his father with the insurance business where he now has an insurance office of his own at 833 East Lincolnway, Valparaiso.

Emerson and his wife Mary are members of the Boone Grove Christian Church, the Porter Cross Roads Community Club, and the Porter Cross Roads Conservation Club. Emerson is also an active member of the Valparaiso Kiwanis Club.



EUGENE SINN FAMILY

My family's names are—my dad Eugene M. Sinn—age 46, my mom Cecilia E. (Shutske) Sinn, my sisters Patricia D. (Sinn) Bianco—age 22, Carol E. (Sinn) Schuster—age 21, Marge L. Sinn—age 17, and the youngest of the family Cheryl C. Sinn—age 10.

Their birth dates and occupations are—my dad was born January 21, 1929 at Kouts, and is still living at Kouts working as a farmer. My mom was born March 7, 1930 at Kouts, stayed in Kouts until she went to college at Ball State to be a teacher. She was a teacher for one and a half years and now is a housewife. My oldest sister Pat was born October 8, 1953, at Valpo Porter Memorial Hospital and grew up at Kouts. Now she is married and in her last year of pharmacy school at Purdue, living now in Lafayette. My sister Carol was born October 26, 1954 at Valpo Porter Memorial Hospital, grew up at Kouts. Now married, working as R.N. at Valpo Porter Memorial Hospital. Living in Hebron. My sister Marge was born September 20, 1958 at Valpo Porter Memorial Hospital and is living at Kouts. Is a senior at Kouts High School and is also a cheerleader for her fourth year. She is taking Architectural Drafting at Valpo High School and she is hoping to study architecture in college. And I, Cheryl, the youngest of the family, was born August 17, 1965, at Valpo Porter Memorial Hospital, living in Kouts while being in the 5th grade at Kouts High School.

My grandparents are Mr. Albert C. Sinn and Mrs. Jennie C. (Swing) Sinn; they are my dad's mom and dad. And my mom's mom and dad are—Mr. Felix J. Shutske and Mrs. Lottie S. (Prall) Shutske. Both families farmed at Kouts.

SHELLY SITZMAN

My name is Shelly Sitzman. I come from a family of 4. My mother's name is Marlene—she's 27. I also live with my grandma and grandpa. My dad died 1 year and a half ago. My mom works at the Big Wheel.

My grandpa and grandma work at the University in Valpo.

My grandpa worked at the Chrysler Corporation in Evansville. He was also a painter. The 2 Chrysler plants moved to Saint Louis. He was offered a job at the University so we moved to Porter County.

I used to take 4H but our family went on vacation. I missed a lot of 4H meetings. I am going to sell cards and candles and other nicknacks. I go swimming a lot at our pool. We might go to Kentucky this year. We have lots of fun in Porter Co.

HOWARD C. AND ADELE M. SKINKLE FAMILIES

Howard Challen Skinkle is the son of Albert and Nancy Alice (Miller) Skinkle. His grandparents on his father's side were Peter and Sarah (Peters) Skinkle. Peter was born Feb. 14, 1824 and died March 2, 1884. Sarah, his wife, was born Oct. 14, 1822 and died June 28, 1914. Both are buried at Hebron cemetery.

Howard's mother's parents were James and Elizabeth (Hague) Miller. James was born Sept. 14, 1832 and died May 23, 1911; and his wife born Dec. 1, 1834 and died Oct. 26, 1885; both buried at the Boone Grove cemetery. They were married March 13, 1856, and to this union were born 7 children. Nancy Alice, (Howard's mother) born July 31, 1857 who married Albert Skinkle Jan. 1, 1877 and died June 10, 1940. Elmer H., her brother, was born Sept. 19, 1859, married Alice Rollin June 2, 1894 and died Dec. 27, 1936 at Chadbourn, North Carolina. Isiah Miller, born August 1, 1862, married Josie Ann Buchanan Sept. 30, 1886 and died April 29, 1916. William C., born Feb. 18, 1865 and died June 14, 1892; Rachel Estella, born Nov. 11, 1868 and died Sept. 2, 1922; Ida M. Miller, born Jan. 5, 1870, married James C. Douglas Feb. 12, 1890, and died April 29, 1910; and Jennie Elizabeth, born June 6, 1874, married George Douglas Feb. 15, 1894 and died Oct. 18, 1956.

Howard C. Skinkle's parents were Albert and Nancy Alice (Miller) Skinkle. Albert was born at Buffalo, New York on March 7, 1851 and died at their home in Hebron Oct. 18, 1943; and Nancy Alice, born July 31, 1857, at Holmes County, Ohio and died at their Hebron home June 10, 1940. They were married January 1, 1877 at the home of her parents. And purchased the farm where Howard C. now lives, 4½ miles north of Hebron along state road #2, in the spring of 1885. Seven children were born to this union. The oldest child, Archie William, was born at the home of his mother's parents Nov. 21, 1877, and died April 7, 1919, buried at Salem cemetery. Elizabeth, born also at her mother's parents Jan. 2, 1880, married Simon McGinley June 20, 1897 and died August 7, 1902, also buried at Salem cemetery. Sarah Ida M. Skinkle was born on the family farm August 11, 1886, married Roy E. Rigg Sept. 14, 1905, having 1 daughter, Auretta, and 2 sons, Neil and Newell. Ida died in Valparaiso July 30, 1974. James A. was born on the family farm March 30, 1890, and married Frances Ludington Feb. 22, 1912, with 3 children, Harold, Velma and Max. Ross A., born on the family farm Oct. 3, 1895, and married Blanche Ludington June 7, 1916, and have 3 children, Maxine, Millicent and Mary. And Ella was born on the farm August 12, 1898, who married Harley G. Thompson May 10, 1916 and have 1 son, Alden B.

Howard C. Skinkle was born on the family farm Oct. 9, 1892 and on Nov. 14, 1917, married Adele Margaurete Humeau. They have lived and managed the family farm together since March 1918. Adele passed away February 16, 1969 at Valparaiso hospital. They are

parents of 3 children born on this farm. Louise Humeau (Skinkle) Reynolds, born Oct. 6, 1918, married John H. Reynolds from Muncie, Ind., in June 1938; a graduate of Porter Cross Roads grade school and Boone Grove High School. Also a graduate of Ball State Teacher's College, Muncie, Ind., a B.S.° in Elementary Education and who lives at Route 1, Ridgeville, Ind. Alice Jane (Skinkle) Fitch was born on the family farm Oct. 28, 1922; also a graduate of Porter Cross Roads, Boone Grove High School and Ball State Teacher's College, majoring in Physical Education and Home Economics. She married Franklin G. Fitch from Crown Point, Ind., at the Salem Church July 18, 1943, and have 2 children. David G., who was born August 30, 1952, graduate of Murray, Ky., High School and now attending Dental School at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. Nancy Jane was born April 9, 1957, at Bloomington, Ind., was a 1975 graduate of Murray, Ky., High School and will attend nurses training at Murray State College.

Adele Margaurete (Humeau) Skinkle was born June 26, 1893 at Mansfield, Illinois, whose parents were Louis C. A. and Olive (Clouser) Humeau. Adele was a graduate of Hebron High School, in the spring of 1912, and also a graduate of Valparaiso University in 1914 in Elementary Education, having taught one year at South Dakota; Coulter's school, Union Twp., Porter County, Porter Cross Roads, Boone Grove and LeRoy schools. Her father, Louis C. A. Humeau, was born in Angers, France, July 25, 1861 and came to the United States when he was 18. Mr. Humeau first worked as a gardener for Mr. Paul Bonvallet at St. Anne and Kankakee, Illinois; and then moved to Mansfield, Illinois, where he was employed as manager for Mr. David A. Root, Sr., at the lumber yard there. He and his family moved from Mansfield to Hebron, Ind., in May 1910 where Humeau was assigned to manage the Hebron Lumber Company; the Root's having purchased the Crown Point and Hebron yards the year before. Mr. Humeau managed the Hebron firm till 1941 and passed away at their Hebron home Feb. 9, 1942. Mrs. Humeau passed away in Valparaiso hospital Oct. 15, 1962.

Adele had 3 sisters and 1 brother. The oldest was George, born April 23, 1891 and died August 1957; Florence was born Feb. 27, 1898, married Don Turner in 1915, 1 son, Louis James; she died March 10, 1923. Frances L. was born May 22, 1901 and married Emert H. Graper in 1921; and Josephine I. was born July 1, 1903 and in 1923 married Harry C. Rathburn.

Howard C. Skinkle is still engaged in farming with his son, Paul, who was born also on the family farm, on June 26, 1928. A graduate of Boone Grove High School. The Skinkle family are members of the Salem United Methodist Church. Both father and son are members of the Hebron Masonic Lodge #502 F.&A.M. Paul served as Worshipful Master of this lodge in 1970. Mr. Howard Skinkle has belonged to this lodge for 58 years. Mrs. Skinkle (Adele) was Worthy Matron of the Hebron chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in 1926 and 1927.

JAMES SKINKLE FAMILY

The James Skinkle family of Porter Township and many of their ancestors and descendants have been Porter County residents. James Skinkle's parents, Albert and Nancy Alice Miller Skinkle, although neither born in Indiana, both came to the Hebron vicinity as young children—as early as 1862. They were married January 1, 1877, at the home of her parents. In 1884 they purchased a farm 4½ miles north of Hebron, living there until 1918. Then they retired and moved to Hebron. James Albert Skinkle was born on that farm March 30, 1890. He attended the nearby Beach School and farmed with his father as a youth. It is interesting and unusual to note that the Albert Skinkles celebrated 63 years of marriage before Mrs. Skinkle died in 1940. Albert Skinkle lived to be 92 years old, passing away in 1943. The original farm is still owned by the Skinkle family. Today it is farmed by Howard Skinkle and his son Paul.

Mrs. James Skinkle's parents, Frank Ludington and Phebe Dick Ludington, were also childhood residents of Porter Township. Miss Phebe Dick, at the age of 19, received a teaching license from the state. She taught in several local one-room schools, including one in McCool and one near the settlement of Hulburt, between 1885 and 1889. On May 15, 1889, she married Frank Ludington, a local farmer. They owned a large farm 4 miles northwest of Boone Grove. Frances Rebecca Ludington was born there June 9, 1892. She is a 1908 graduate of Boone Grove High School. The farm home remained in the family and was occupied by the Ludington's youngest daughter until it was sold in 1971. The surrounding land, however, is still owned by members of the family.

On February 22, 1912, James Skinkle and Frances Ludington were married at the Valparaiso Methodist parsonage. For all but one of their 63 married years, they have lived on the same farm in Porter Township west of Boone Grove on the Lake Eliza Road. It is the land that belonged to James Skinkle's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Miller. However, the original barn was destroyed by fire in 1916 and rebuilt one year later on the other side of the road, and the old Miller farm house was razed and replaced on the same spot in 1947. Mr. Skinkle retired from farming in 1962. The couple are members of the Salem United Methodist Church. He is a member of the Hebron Masonic Lodge, and both are 50 year members of the Hebron Eastern Star. Mrs. Skinkle also belongs to the



Margaret Bryant Blackstone Chapter of the D.A.R.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinkle are the parents of 3 children: Harold Ludington Skinkle, born November 27, 1912; Velma Mae Skinkle, born January 12, 1917; and Max James Skinkle, born December 1, 1918.

Harold Skinkle and his wife Ardis live in Waynesville, Ohio. They have two daughters: Jeanette, married to Raymond Himes of Dayton, and mother of Spencer Raymond and Phoebe Jeanette; and Sandra, now Mrs. Joseph Laubenthal and the mother of Eric Michael.

Velma Skinkle is married to Boyd Ostroot and has lived in Portage for 25 years. She has 4 married daughters and 8 grandchildren. Karen Frances Ostroot is now Mrs. Barry Fritz and resides in Valparaiso with her husband and children James Erwin, Julie Mae and Leslee Jean. Nancy Jean Ostroot lives in Fort Wayne with her husband, Dr. Roy Coolman, and children, Boyd Robert, Bradley Roy, and Ann Rebecca. Ruthann Ostroot is married to Robert Chaddock and the mother of Annessa Frances-Rebecca and Nathaniel Franklyn. They are Valparaiso residents. Anita Mae Ostroot and husband, Jay Stevens, live in Lafayette, Indiana, where both are Purdue students.

Max Skinkle and his wife Agnes Weisjahn Skinkle also live in Valparaiso. They have two children: Linda Sue, who is a teacher in the Portage schools; and Gene Max, a student at Indiana University.



SKINNER FAMILY

Submitted by Mrs. Myrtle (Davidson) Mead

Beautiful Porter County has been my home all of my life. Now I am a senior citizen and will briefly relate some of it and my background.

It began with my birth in Valparaiso, January of the year 1894. Several weeks later my parents returned to their farm near Wahob Lake. By the time I became school age they sold the farm and moved back into Valparaiso. In the fall of 1901 I started first grade at the old school on Franklin Avenue, where the Central School is now located. I was transferred to Gardner School while the old school building was razed and the new Central School was being constructed. When I finished the elementary grades at Gardner School I attended the new Central School for seventh and eighth grades, also High School.

There were many pleasant memories of that growing up time. Valparaiso was a beautiful, quiet, and friendly town — there was an abundance of "Love thy Neighbor" everywhere. We enjoyed visits to our relatives who lived on farms around the county. I recall picnics of Sunday School, and other groups at Flint Lake. Flint Lake was then a resort area with three beaches for swimming and boating. Each had a park with beautiful shade trees, swings, and benches beside picnic tables, where a very pleasant day was enjoyed. We traveled there via horse drawn vehicles until the interurban railroad was constructed from Valparaiso north on Road 49 to Flint Lake, then around it and the small lakes beyond and curved westward to Gary, then a very new city.

We got our news through the newspapers, there were no radios or T.V.'s. The first serious news I recall was the shooting of President McKinley and a few years later the San Francisco earthquake.

I am the widow of the late Roscoe Burns Mead, who was also a lifetime resident of Porter County. After our marriage we lived on a farm in Liberty Township which belonged to his father, Joseph H. Mead. During World War I a group of the neighborhood ladies met at my house once a week to sew convalescent gowns for the soldiers. After the war we moved into Valparaiso where our three sons, Maurice, Roger, and Joseph, along with our four daughters, Helen, Marcile, Leoramae, and Joan, attended Valparaiso Schools. Two sons and two daughters are now living in Valparaiso and Center Township. Seven of my eleven grandsons and two granddaughters have graduated from Valparaiso High School since 1957.

My parents — Herbert Merrick and Melna Leora (Skinner) Davidson were both born in Liberty Township in the early 1870's on the farms their fathers had owned before the Civil War. They received their early schooling at the old Phares one room school at the intersection of what is now Meridian Road and County Road 700 North.

My great-grandparents — Asa and Electa (Mason) Skinner, brought their family to Porter County, via covered wagon, from New York State to reside here in the late 1830's. Their son, my grandfather, Truman H. Skinner, was a farmer but others of that family were more concerned with the civic affairs of Porter County and Valparaiso. One sister, Pauline Skinner, was the wife of the first elected mayor of Valparaiso, Thomas J. Merrifield. A brother, John N. Skinner, was the third mayor. We are told that their mother was the first woman to be buried in the old cemetery on Union Street. It is the final resting place of several others of that family.

After visiting many places, I always return to have more appreciation of my Porter County home.



ROBERT B. SMITH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Smith (Ruby L. Stowers) reside at 3506 Coventry Circle, Valparaiso, Indiana. They are the parents of Robert B. Smith, Jr., an elementary school teacher who resides in Winamac; Anita L. Crowe (Smith), wife of Fred L. Crowe and mother of Richelle, a daughter, who resides at 1203 Lind Lane in Valparaiso; Richard L. Smith, a senior at Ball State University majoring in accounting; Linda F.

Smith, living at home and working at 3-D Discount Store, and Scott A. Smith, an eighth grade student at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School.

Mr. Smith is a Chartered Life Underwriter with 28 years experience in the insurance business. He has been very active in business and civic affairs, currently serving as president of the Valparaiso Rotary Club, and as president of The United Way of Porter County, in addition to his active membership in numerous other organizations.

His father, the late John I. Smith, was in the insurance business in Wheeler, Indiana, for 30 years. His mother, the late Florence A. Smith, retired as the Postmaster of the Wheeler Post Office after serving that community for 20 years in that capacity.

Ruth Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Elda Stowers, were farmers all of their lives, residing in Wheeler during the last 30 years prior to their retirement in Wheeler.

Submitted by Robert R. Smith



GERALD SPAGNA FAMILY

Members of the family are:

Gerald Leigh Spagna, born 7/14/42 Valparaiso; Bertie Jolley Spagna, born 11/25/43 Valparaiso; John William Spagna, born 7/30/63 Valparaiso; Matthew Leigh Spagna, born 5/6/65 Valparaiso, and Michael Neil Spagna, born 3/13/68 Valparaiso.

Gerald was raised in Wheeler, son of Ernaldo and Eleanor Keene Spagna. Paternal grandparents, Calisto and Lucia Spagna, came here from Northern Italy. He attended Wheeler grade and High School. Since graduating in 1960 he worked construction for a short time, then in 1961 he started employment at Midwest Steel, Portage, Ind., where he has remained. His main hobbies revolve around steam locomotives and railway lines.

Bertie (Jolley) Spagna was born and raised in Valparaiso, daughter of Dale and Ruby Kyes Jolley. She attended Banta, Central and Valparaiso High School, graduating in 1961. Married at St. Paul's Church on 9/23/61, her time is now occupied in working part-time at Thomas Jefferson School and rasing her three sons.

The Spagnas are members of St. Paul's Parish where John enjoys serving Mass as an altar boy. All three boys participate in Glenrose Parks summer program, their favorite pastimes being baseball and basketball.

CLINTON AND BESSIE SPANGLER FAMILY

The Perrin farm in Jackson Twp. was home for Clinton and Bessie Spangler and their son, Melvin, and daughter, Arthelia, when they moved to Porter Co. from Hessville (Hammond), Ind., in 1931. Clint was a bricklayer and worked at Inland Steel, Shell Oil Refinery, and in Valparaiso and Porter Co. The family were members of the First Christian Church in Valparaiso and were active in the church organizations. Bessie was a member of the Flint Lake Ladies Club. Their daughter, Arthelia, was married to Herman Krieger, and in January 1944, she and her two sons lost their lives in an auto-truck accident at the intersection of Roads 2 and 30 south of Valparaiso. Melvin married Emma Barnett and lives in Dyer, Ind.

One day in 1933, five escapees from the prison in Michigan City, later learned to be a part of the Dillinger gang, forced Clint at gunpoint to get a team of horses to pull their car out of a mud hole. They took him to near Deepriver before releasing him. Clint was not hurt and after getting to a telephone, he called Sheriff Fry and was taken home. The convicts were all apprehended.

In 1946 the Spanglers sold their farm to Mr. Goin and moved to a home that Clint built on Bullseye Lake road across from the lake. The old farm home in Jackson Twp. burned in 1947 and Mr. Goin built a new home at the same location.

Mrs. Spangler was 69 when she died in 1959 and Clint was 76 when he died in 1966.

Submitted by Emma (Barnett) Spangler

MELVIN & EMMA SPANGLER FAMILY

The son of Clinton and Bessie Spangler, Melvin came to Jackson Twp., Porter Co., with his parents and sister, Arthelia, from Hessville (Hammond), Ind., in 1931. Emma is the daughter of Henry and Minnie Barnett and came to Washington Twp., Porter Co., when her family moved from Hallsville, Ill., in 1919. Melvin graduated from Hammond High School in 1931, and Emma graduated from Washington Twp. H. S. in 1934. She also attended Valparaiso University for two years. After their marriage in 1939 they lived in Valparaiso until 1949 when they and their three children moved to Washington Twp., living about a mile north of the school on road 400E, in the same house as Emma's parents. In 1968 they moved to Dyer, Ind., where they now live.

Melvin is a member of Porter Lodge #137 F. & A.M., South Bend Valley Scottish Rite, and Chequecek Lodge #56 I.O.O.F. He has worked at Inland Steel, McGills, did some construction work, and is presently at Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Hts. Emma has worked at Philley Mfg. Co., Lantz Mfg. Co., Wash-O-Mat Laundry, and Simmons Co. in Munster.

While living in Porter Co., the Spanglers were members of the First Christian Church and were active in the church organizations. They were also members of the Washington P.T.A. Their children are second generation graduates of the Washington Twp. High School: Louise (Taylor) 1958, Janet (Johnson) 1960, and Kenneth 1967. A third generation, Louise's children, are attending the school at the present time.

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HARRY C. AND HELEN A. SPOHN

I was born on Dec. 19, 1897 in West Union, Ohio, Adams Co., the son of Sylvan Sinclair and Minnie Warren (Miller) Spohn, the fourth child in a family of eight children. My father came to Kouts in the fall of 1899 via of a team and wagon. Mother and we



four children followed via the Pennsylvania R.R. I attended the Kouts, Marshall Grove, Five Point, Steinke and Rising Sun Schools, attaining a seventh grade education. I attained maturity in 1918. I worked one year on the farm for Ferd J. Reddleman at Kouts.

On Dec. 19, 1919 I was employed by The American Tin Mill in Gary. In 1923 I was employed by The Standard Steel Car Co. in Hammond, Ind. In 1925 I joined the Carpenters and Joiners Union and was employed in the building trades in the Calumet area for six years. In 1931 I rented the A. W. Jacobs farm in Washington Twp., where I engaged in dairying for seventeen years.

In the fall of 1947 I purchased a 386 acre farm in Pleasant Twp., where I still reside. On Aug. the 8, 1938 I married Rose Pletcher Barber, the widow of Oliver K. Barber. She was the mother of two sons, Charles O. and Alvin L. They both reside in Valparaiso. In 1944 our daughter Mary Minnie was born. She graduated from the Kouts High School. She is married to Randal Yager. They reside in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with their four children, Rosemary, Michelle, Randal Jr. and Mark.

My wife Rose was deceased June 1, 1967. On Nov. 15, 1969, I married Helen Dinse of Morgan Twp.

DALE EDWIN STERLING

Dale Edwin Sterling came to Liberty Township in 1957, from Toledo, Ohio, where he was born and educated. He was stationed at Moss Lake with the U. S. Army. At that time it was the rest and recreation area for the U. S. Army, 45th Brigade. He helped build many of the buildings which is now called Camp Lawrence, a CYO camp.

Dale and Jackie were married October 6, 1962, at the First Christian Church, Valparaiso, by the late Rev. Percy Thomas. They have been blessed with two lovely children, Cyndy and Dale, Jr.



Dale is also a member of many Masonic organizations. He is present Republican Precinct Committeeman of Portage Twp., Precinct #16. He is Vice-President of the Paul Saylor Elementary P.T.O. for the second year. Dale has been employed for Inland Steel Co., East Chicago, for 16 years.

Jackie is employed in the Porter County Treasurer's Office under Dorothy M. Lenburg as her 1st Deputy and Bookkeeper. The Sterlings attend St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Hobart.

DAVID STANLEY FAMILY

The David Stanley family of Boone Grove consisted of Mabel Leanna Brown, a lifelong resident of Valparaiso until 1946 when she was united in marriage to David Miller Stanley, a lifelong resident of southern Porter County. They had six children born to them, Ruth, John, James, Marie, Mark and Lois. The three eldest have married and the three younger are working or at home.

Mr. Stanley was a carpenter by trade and built many homes in the Porter County area. Mr. Stanley's sons worked with him, as did his brother, Glen, up until the time of his death. He served for a time as postmaster of Boone Grove, and finally resigned his position to take one of route carrier in Valparaiso. He is also a veteran of WWII.

Mrs. David Stanley is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and is also a member of the Porter County Association for Retarded Citizens. Mrs. Stanley is also active in the DAR.

Mrs. Stanley built a street in Valparaiso and named it Elizabeth, after a sister. She then dedicated the street to the City of Valparaiso.

THE SUMMERS FAMILY

Dallas Lester Summers was born in Edgerton, Ohio, in 1902. His sister, Neva, in 1904. About 1906 their parents, Lester Edward Summers and Julia Strosburger Summers, brought them to Chesterton, at 216 Grant St., where the La Casa Morena is now. Lester was a telegrapher for the New York Central Railroad. About 1908 or 09 they moved to 418 S. 2nd St. Julia died in 1943. Lester remarried Maria Wistler. Lester died from burns in 1955.

Neva married Arther Gibbs and moved to Kokomo, Ind. They had four children: Lester Bill, Mary Jane, Jack, and Sandy.



Dallas L. married Ruth L. Spencer Dec. 20, 1925. Their son, Dallas Burton, known as Jonny, was born Sept. 28, 1926. Dallas and Ruth belonged to the First Methodist Church of Chesterton. He worked at Youngstown Sheet and Tube in East Chicago, Ind., as a safety inspector. He worked there 45 years and retired in 1967. Ruth worked at Wilbar Manufacturing Co. in the early 1950s. They bought a cottage in 1945 at Indian Lake near Dowagiac, Mich. They still own it.

Dallas liked to work with wood and he made quite a bit of their furniture. Ruth liked to knit and crochet. They still live at 706 So. 2nd St. since about 1929.

Jonny married Ila Joan Saidla, known as Jo, Oct. 18th, 1947. They lived at 226 N. Calumet Rd. where their son, Collyn Burtus, was born Oct. 3, 1948. They bought a house at 126 Chesterton Blvd. and daughter, Julie K. was born April 25, 1950.

Jonny had worked at Michigan City for Pulman Standard before he went into the Army in 1945. He served with the 25th. Division in the Philippines

and Japan. After he came home in 1946 he went to work at Youngstown with his dad, Dallas L. He went thru the apprenticeship for instrument repair man. He now is looking forward to his retirement in 1977.

Jo was the first paper girl, in 1943-44, that Chesterton had. After the children were 4 and 3 she worked with her father, J. C. Saidla, in his Studio until about 1958. Then she started as a Brownie Leader, then Girl Scout leader at their day camps and as Neighborhood chairman for many years. Jonny worked with her in Scouting too and they both are still registered Girl Scouts.

In the Chesterton Centennial, 1952, Jonny won an award for the smallest sideburns.

Jonny has had Ham radio station W9VAY since 1952. He belonged to the Chesterton and Valparaiso Ham clubs. He also taught youth of Chesterton and Porter the basic requirements for Ham radio.

In 1954 they bought their home at 127 So. 15th St, where they still live.

Jonny also enjoys wood working and has made all kinds of things. Together Jonny and Jo have made and built Barbie Doll houses, Heathkit stereo radios and record players, Heathkit 25" color TV and the wood cabinets. A 10'x18' room on the back of their house and a 8'x12' dark room in the basement for their amateur photography. They both belong to the Valpo Camera Club.

In 1967 Jonny was one of the first to graduate from the Chesterton High School Adult Night classes. In 1971 he took a 2-year course with the National Camera, Inc., in Denver, Colo. In 1974 he started the Chesterton Camera Repair Shop part time. Will run the shop, here at 1420 W. Indiana Ave., full time when he retires from Youngstown. He is a Master Camera Craftsman.

Jo has worked for Akay Garment Co. since 1970 as a seamstress. She also enjoys sewing for her family, crocheting and all kinds of needlework. She and son Collyn belong to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Jo has worked with the Altar Guild for about 10 years.

Their daughter, Julie, married Ernest Edward Esgate Oct. 4, 1968. Ed was in the Army and went to Germany. Julie followed him there and their daughter, Sara Dawn, was born March 14, 1970. She was 5 weeks old when her mother flew home with her. After Ed got out of the Army he went to work for the Lambshire Food Processing Co. of Calumet City, Ill. In 1974 they moved there to be near Ed's work.

Julie had been a Brownie, Girl Scout and a 4-H'er.

Collyn had been a Boy Scout. In 1968 he went into the Navy. He served aboard the USS Buck and USS Pritchard. He was in and around Vietnam several different times. On Dec. 13, 1969, he married Justina Catherine Styonavich. They were stationed at San Diego, California. Collyn got out of the Navy Sept. 15 and their son, Steven Michael Wayne, was born Sept. 14, 1972.

Collyn went to work for Bethlehem Steel Corp. He is now taking a course in TV repair and hopes to open a shop in the far future. Cathy, his wife, works for Price Mobile Home Centers, Inc., in Burns Harbor. They just bought a 14'x70' house trailer and live in the Pleasant Valley Mobile Home Park, Portage, Ind.

Submitted by
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Summers

THE CHARLES STINEBURG FAMILY

Charles, the son of Edward Stineburg whose home place was the first house west of Fishers Pond and Hildegard Brandberg whose parents come from Sweden, married Marie Wilson on May 4, 1940. Marie's father was a son of Dave Wilson and Ethel Loomis Wilson who lived on a farm west of Hebron. Ethel's family originated in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and Bloomingdale, Illinois.

Charles and Marie Stineburg are members of the Hebron United Methodist Church and remain active in civic affairs. Their son Philip lives in Denver, Colorado. Their daughter, Becky Stineburg Davis, lives and works in Valparaiso. Becky's daughter Erica is their only grandchild.

Both Charles and Marie were self-employed in Hebron; Charles as a plumbing, heating, and electrical contractor until 1969 when he became Superintendent of the Water and Sewage Treatment Plants, and Marie who has continued as a professional beautician in her shop at home.





DR. MARGARETTA TANGERMAN

In 1949 in response to an invitation from Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, then President of Valparaiso University, to join hands with him to build a great university, Dr. Margaretta Tangerman, Prof. Emerita of Social Work, and her husband John left their home in Hammond, Indiana, to come to Valparaiso. It was a decision the Tangermans never regretted and they soon loved the community and their new friends in Porter County.

In 1948 when Mrs. Tangerman was Chief Casework Supervisor for the Lake County Dept. of Public Welfare, she was commuting to Valparaiso to teach a night class in social work at Valparaiso University. Among her students were a number of veterans of World War II and campus leaders. Their enthusiasm and response to Mrs. Tangerman's night school class led them to petition President Kretzmann to hire her to be the University's first Dean of Women and to start a Social Work Dept. Subsequently, Prof. Tangerman came to the University in 1949 as Dean of Women and to head the combined departments of Sociology and Social Work.

In the years that followed Prof. Tangerman became known nationally for her undergraduate social work department and attracted students from all over the United States and abroad. She was soon listed in 20 *Who's Who in the United States*, including *Who's Who in America, Who's Who of American Women* and seven International Who's Who, including *The World Who's Who of Women* and *Two Thousand Women of Achievement*. She has been selected to appear in *Americans of the Bicentennial Era*.

Prof. Tangerman also became known for her service to the nation, the state, and her community. Nationally she served on the Child Welfare Committee for the American Public Welfare Association, for over 10 years on the House of Delegates for the Council on Social Work Education, gave speeches and institutes on Child Welfare, Problems of the Aged, Youth and Mental Health for various groups and organizations. She was a delegate for the State of Indiana to three White House Conferences: Children and Youth, Aging and the Aged, and the Commission on the Status of Women. She is a gold card member of the National Association of Social Workers in recognition of her sustained membership in the professional association and for devoted public service to her country. She was honored in 1969 as the Social Worker of the Year.

In the State of Indiana Prof. Tangerman served on a number of Governors Commissions and Councils: Governors Commission on Unemployed Relief, Children and Youth, the Aging and the Aged, the Status of Women. She is past President of the Indiana State Conference on Social Welfare and was honored with a gold gavel; past President of the Indiana Christian Social Welfare Association, on the Policy Board and District Chairman for the Second Congressional District for Hoosiers for the Equal Rights Amendment. She received an Ecumenical Leadership Citation from the Indiana Council of Churches.

Locally, Prof. Tangerman started the Northwest Regional Conference on Aging and the Aged and is on the Northwest Indiana Comprehensive Health Planning Council. She started the Porter County Council on Aging and the Aged, was its first President and now serves on its Advisory Council. She also serves on the Advisory Council of RSVP for Porter County. She was one of the founders of the Family Service Association for Porter County and serves on its Board and is Personnel Chairman. She is a charter member of the Porter Mental Health Association, served on its Board and also on its committee to establish the Porter County Guidance Clinic. She serves on the Board of the League of Women Voters of Porter County, was one of the League's observers at the Board meetings of the Porter County Dept. of Public Welfare, served as chairperson for the Committees on "Justice and the Courts" and "ERA". She was a delegate to the 1974 State Convention. She is also on the Board of the Lutheran Family Services of Northwest Indiana which includes Porter County and was their first Personnel Chairman. She serves as a Social Work Consultant for Social Agencies in Porter County.

Prof. Tangerman has memberships in many professional and local civic and service organizations which include being a long-time member of the Valparaiso American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, and Delta Kappa Gamma, Honorary Teachers Fraternity. These organizations have honored her for her services to Porter County. She also is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, Honorary Sociological Fraternity and Pi Gamma Mu Honorary Social Science Fraternity.

Prof. Tangerman was graduated from Indiana University with high honors and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received the following honors from Indiana University: The Susan Butler Award for attaining the highest standard in the University for scholarship and character, "from the entire faculty of Indiana U. by an unanimous vote", the Ulyssis C. Weatherly Award in Sociology "for scholarship, intelligence, achievement, and character", the Chi Omega Honorary Social Work Award for the woman student "who contributed most in social service to the campus and for outstanding scholarship, intelligence, achievement and character", the Pi Lambda Theta Award in the School of Education "to the outstanding woman on the campus for character, scholarship, service and leadership." She received her M.A. degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago, where she received the Grace Abbott Memorial and the Commonwealth Fellowships.

Prof. Tangerman retired in 1972 from Valparaiso University with the title of Prof. Emerita of Social Work and has an honorary doctorate degree. The Board of Directors of Valparaiso University commissioned that her portrait be painted, the first woman to be so honored. A tree was planted in her honor by students on the campus; a Margaretta Sackville Tangerman continuing scholarship was established by faculty; and the Alumni Association

presented her with an honorary alumni membership and plaque for her services to the university and her community. In the past, former President Dr. O. P. Kretzmann had awarded her several plaques for dedicated services to the Social Work Department and University.

The Wheatridge Foundation, at retirement, also honored her with a plaque "for distinguished service in social work."

It is interesting to note that Professor Tangerman's Aunt Winifred Sackville Stoner was a frequent Chataugua speaker in Valparaiso and well remembered by many older residents in Porter County. Mrs. Stoner sponsored the Chataugua Desk made in Valparaiso and used this desk in public appearances when she spoke on her theory of "Natural Education."

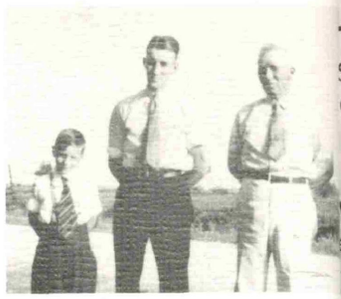
Mr. Tangerman, as an employee of the Hammond Times, commuted daily from Valparaiso to Hammond for over 25 years. He attended the University of Illinois for three years, then transferred to the University of Chicago where he received his B.A. Degree. He took graduate work at Northwestern University. He is a charter member of the American Newspaper Guild and past President of the Hammond Newspaper Guild.

The Tangermans are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Valparaiso. They love the beauty of Valparaiso and Porter County and enjoy their continued association with Valparaiso University and the warm friendships they have made in Porter County. They have chosen as their "retirement" home, Vale Village, 2804 Cumberland Drive, Chestnut Building, Apt. 2A, Valparaiso.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT DANIEL TAYLOR



We are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daniel Taylor and children of R. R. 2, Valparaiso, Ind., born Hoosiers. Bob was born in Lake County Oct. 15, 1942, and I, Sandra Louise, was born in Porter County Sept. 25, 1944. Bob is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John and Ruth (Bruckman) Taylor. Bob's family moved from Crown Point, Ind., in 1948 to where his folks presently live seven miles north of Hebron, Ind. He and his only brother, George Leroy, attended and graduated from Boone Grove School. Sandra is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice and Frances (Perrill) Ludington. She was raised 3 miles northwest of Boone Grove in the house her father was born in. Sandra's grandmother, Florence B. Ludington, resides in Boone Grove. Sandra has two sisters, Carolyn Ann Hood and Juanita Diane Houpt. They also graduated from Boone Grove School. After graduating in 1960 Bob worked one year on a farm before entering the U.S. Army, joining the 586 Signal Company. He was in France for 9 months but spent most of his duty at Fort Irwin, California. Sandra graduated in 1963 and worked one year at Indiana General Magnetic Corporation. After having gone together five years we were married July 11, 1964 at the Boone Grove Christian Church. Our first home was a trailer in Valparaiso where we lived for five years. Bob worked at U. S. Steel in Gary and I was a housewife. It was here our two daughters joined our family. Justine Annette was born Jan. 18, 1965 and Sheila Marie was born April 5, 1969. When Sheila was 3 weeks old we moved to our present home 1½ miles northeast of Boone Grove. Fifteen months later on July 18, 1970, our son, Robert Scott, was born. Bob had a motorcycle accident June 25, 1966, which put him in the hospital 2½ months and off of work for 18 months. He was able to go back to work at U.S. Steel, taking a job as an apprentice in the Roll Shop, this is where he presently works. We enjoy camping vacations and in 1975 took a six week trip to Alaska.



ROBERT WENDELL FRANCES (CRISM THATCHER FAM

We were both born in Po 1910. We were married in diana. We both were raise and so we lived in Indiana Gary and then in 1943 we Sams Farm and then sold bought the Carlton and Leor in 1946. So our four childre Dolores, Mary Alice, and Ru Hebron School. They belong ron Methodist Church. We year old daughter Dolores in drowned in Lake Michigan. cated the 1951 year book my family put gold altar vas odist Church in memory o son Wendell enlisted in the vember 8, 1951 for four ye Alice worked in Gary and R in Chicago. They're all mar have six grandchildren, t daughters, Christine Dolore four grandsons, Jeff and Jer and Joey, and have a g daughter, Roxann Marie was tember 18, 1973.

The farm was in the Dye now we live here. Always en life and wanted our children children to enjoy it also.

Belong to Masonic Lodg Rite Shrine, Aylesworth Ne Club, Christian Women C Steel 25 Year Club.

This farm house is over old. Built in 1842.

The main part of house an are 18 inches thick, made o has two fireplaces where the cooking years ago. We redid fireplaces and finished it Dec 1953.

.LIAM THOMAS SR.

ST WHITE SETTLERS IN CHESTERTON AREA

bmitted by Oral Smith

fall of 1830 my great-grand-Villiam Thomas, Sr., and fam-esse Morgan, and family came nesterton area from Wooster, covered wagons.

3 Jesse bought land on the ort Dearborn Post Road, now East Porter Avenue. They log building calling it The h Inn. That year the stage-e started from Detroit to Fort making three trips a week. had the first Post Office, 3, and mail was delivered ek by a soldier on horseback. was patrolled due to the In-tion.

Ru, Jesse's youngest daughter, February 3, 1834, the first hite child born in Porter Jesse d.ed in February 1853. Thomas, Sr. bought land ndian Princess, Mau Ma Nass, ther, Chief Pier Moran, a half-dian, had obtained it on a gov-grant.

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William Thomas, Jr. farm was on what is now the center of on. He owned a mill north of Coffee Creek, operated by his John. His General Store was corner of Calumet and Broad-

30 the town was called Thomas 1840 it was changed to Coffee n 1850 it was changed again met, and in 1852, when the Indian Railroad was built, the as changed to Chesterton.

50 William Jr. platted his farm lumet Road to Fifth St.

345 William Jr. and Ann Mor-est daughter of Jesse Morgan, arried, and both died in April, There were two surviving chil-ias, who married Ann Beer, and who married Charles Haslett. Ellena had two daughters, Nora married to Roy Hubbard (both deceased), and Oral married to Charles Smith (deceased).



CECIL AND MARIE THURNER FAMILY

Cecil and Marie Thurner purchased a farm and residence two miles south of Hebron in 1935. They moved from DeMotte, where Cecil had been manager and secretary-treasurer of the Keener Township Dairy Corporation for ten years. Since living in the Hebron area, he has held the position of district chairman of the Pure Milk Association for nearly four years, was county committee chairman of the Agriculture Adjustment Association, was a member of the Porter County Zoning Appeal Board for twelve years, and is currently chairman of the Boone Township School Building Corporation. Marie was a charter member of the former Busy Bees Home Demonstration Club, and is now a member of the Boone Township Homemakers. She has been a member of the Hebron Fortnightly Club since 1940. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thurner have been active members of the Hebron United Methodist Church. They have four children. Mrs. W. W. White (Joy) of Cincinnati, Ohio, Robert Cecil Thurner of Hebron, Mrs. P. G. Belanger (Betty) of South Holland, Ill., and J. David Thurner of Hebron. They have eleven grandchildren. In 1971, they moved from their rural home to Hebron, where they reside at 326 Church Street.

THE JOHN TOFTE JR. FAMILY

Descendants of the Thomas Paine, Lenberg Johnson Rhoda, Johnson Vedden Hellman families, early settlers of Porter County, Salt Creek and vicinity.

They did much to establish churches, schools, farms, and communities in this area.

Present survivors include: John Tofte Sr., John Ina Tofte Jr.

Children as follows:

John A. and Linda Tofte; children—Kelly, Cathy, Charlene, John IV.

Nancy and Arnold Rosenbaum; children—Michelle, Renee, Todd.

Linda and George Rhed; children—Matthew, George, Drew.

Dawn and Eugene Peters; children—Lisa, Susan, Donald.

TOMLIN FAMILY

Ralph J.—Born Peoria, Ill., 9-5-38. Graduate St. Joseph's College 1960. Purchased home in Chesterton 2-26-64 at 527 Park Ave. Worked as Field Agent for Internal Revenue Service from July 1, 1960 to December 31, 1966. Set up Accounting Practice on January 1, 1967 and passed CPA exam May of 1966 and licensed as a CPA in September 1, 1972. Married October 24, 1964 Calumet Rd., Chesterton. Purchased Chesterton Package Liquor Store October 1, 1972. Married Ocotber 24, 1964 —wife Georgeann. Member of Duneland Jaycees, Past President also Past State Treasurer of Indiana Jaycees. JCI Senator #12851. Notary Public July 1975.

Georgeann—Born Gary, Ind., 1-9-44. Attended Indiana University Gary Campus. 24 years in the Girl Scouts and currently a National Delegate from East Lake-Porter Counties Council. Now an active Brownie Leader. Enjoys bowling.

Veronica Ann—Born July 16, 1965. Girl Scout.

George Damian — Born Sept. 10, 1966. Cub Scout and plays soccer on K of C team at St. Pat's.

Michelle Marie—Born Aug. 11, 1968. Brownie Scout.

Matthew Howard — Born Jan. 21, 1970.

All born at Porter Memorial in Valpo.

Members of St. Patrick Catholic Church Chesterton, In. Children all attend St. Patrick's School.

Ralph—Past Pres. St. Patrick's Holy Name Society and presently a commentator.

LEWIS AND AMY TURNER FROM BEVERLY SHORES

The Turner family has lived in Beverly Shores for 35 years, and until a few years ago owned a restaurant in Whiting, Indiana.

Lewis is a veteran of World War I where he served on the Mexican Border in 1916 and 1917 and in France from 1917 to 1919. He is a member of the VFW, Post 909 where he held Post Commander and Post District Commander. He has also held membership in the Masons, Scottish Rites of South Bend, Orak Shrine and Eastern Stars.

Amy Turner is the VFW Auxiliary Post President and Post Department Conductors. She is also a member of the Eastern Stars and American Legion.

The Turners have two children and eight grandchildren.

Their son, Dick, lives in Talmadge, Ohio, and works for the Goodyear Company. Loretta lives in Munster, Indiana and works for the Hammond Clinic.
Written by their grandson, Scott Rakos.

VAN NESS FAMILY

To record a history of the Van Ness family in Valparaiso, one must start with grandparents John D. and Nancy Brown Wilson, both born in Pennsylvania, moved to Lake County, Indiana, and were married there in 1855. They came to Valparaiso to live where Mr. Wilson engaged in construction. Five sturdy brick homes on North Franklin Street attest his ability; also the basic structure of the courthouse which suffered a fire in 1926. Their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, married Elliott F. Van Ness, a native of Michigan who came as a student to Valparaiso University. Mr. Van Ness with men in the Wilson family, John D. and sons, Edmund and Hylan, with John Cameron established the first light plant in 1892. Later this was destroyed by fire.

In 1900 E. F. Van Ness started an electrical merchandising and wiring business; this had several locations and in 1914 his son, John W. Van Ness, became a partner. This business remained in the family until 1963. John went into Naval service in 1917. His father, with the aid of his mother, Rachel Van Ness, kept the business going to the extent of working all night to make light cords for the military unit established at Valparaiso University. John, upon discharge in 1919, resumed duties in the electrical firm.

At the same time, Mrs. E. F. Van Ness was in charge of the Red Cross yarn distribution. After the war, Mrs. Van Ness resumed activity in church work, locally and in the district. She was active in the Federated Womans' Club; she established a free clothing dispensary for those in desperate need. She assisted in establishing the Presbyterian Resale Shop. The crystal fixtures in the Clubhouse were installed in honor of Mrs. Van Ness. As Rachel Wilson, she was in the first graduating class in the Valparaiso High School in 1878.

John Van Ness served in many civic capacities and in 1939 as state senator began a twenty year period of service in state government; later he served as parliamentarian in the state senate. The last six years of activity, he spent as assistant to the president of Midwest Steel, established in Porter County.

John Van Ness had one sister, Mrs. L. E. Collins (1892-1969), of Detroit, Michigan. John's marriage to Harriet F. Benjamin of Crown Point took place in 1922. Children of this family are Charles E. of Mountain Lake, N. J.; Nancy (Mrs. G. A.) Myers, Valparaiso, and Joe C., of Phoenix, Arizona. Further relatives are eleven grandchildren, seven girls and four boys: Victor and Virginia Myers (Clark), Caryl, Susan, Sara and James, Kathy, Cynthia, David, Robert and Tamara Van Ness.

Submitted by Mrs. J. W. Van Ness

JOSEPH VASS AND DIANNE (WIRTH) VASS

In September 1959, Joseph and Dianne (Wirth) Vass moved to their first home in Portage, Indiana. They were former residents of Gary, Indiana.

After previous experience at U. S. Steel and Midwest Steel, Joe was in the first group of men to begin working at Bethlehem Steel in October of 1964. Nine weeks later, Joe rolled the first plate on the 160" Plate Mill at the new Burns Harbor plant. At that time at the age of 25, Joe is believed to be the youngest roller in the world.

During 1965 Joe and Dianne built a bi-level home and moved to Old Porter Road in Portage. In November of 1968, Joe and Dianne joined Joe's brother and his wife, Michael and Delphine Vass, and purchased the Pioneer Apartments at Chicago and Franklin Sts. in Valparaiso. One year later, Joe and Dianne left Portage and took up residence in Valparaiso at the Pioneer Apartments.

Joe and Dianne have four children.

David, 16, is a junior at Valparaiso High School. David, who is employed by Jade East Restaurant, enjoys playing basketball.

Joni, 13, attends St. Paul's eighth grade. Joni plays the guitar. She also enjoys volleyball, basketball, and track.

Janine, 11, is in 6th grade at St. Pauls. "Jeannie" belongs to St. Paul's Girl Scouts.

Dan, 9, is a 3rd grader at St. Paul's. Dan dreams of the day he can have his own motorcycle and a house full of cats.

The Vass family are members of St. Paul Parish.

Joe is a board member and past president of the Bethlehem Credit Union. He belongs to the K of C and bowls with the Bethlehem Friday night men's league.

Dianne is a board member of St. Paul Oasis Club, a member of Churchwomen United and Welcome Wagon Alumni. She enjoys bowling in the Tuesday afternoon ladies league and playing bridge. Dianne is a member of the volunteer secretarial staff at St. Paul's School.

The whole family enjoys their summer residence on Flint Lake, where they have become enthusiastic boaters and fishermen.

MICHAEL AND EMMA (HORVATH) VASS

In December 1969, Michael Vass Sr. retired from U. S. Steel after 45 years of service. It was almost five years later, on September 1, 1974, that Michael and Emma (Horvath) Vass moved from Merrilleville, Indiana, to the Pioneer Apartments in Valparaiso.

Emma Horvath Vass was born on the 4th of July, 1914.

Mike and Emma Vass have four children, Michael Jr., Joseph, and Dorothy (Vass) Church, all of Valparaiso, and Emma (Vass) Pazos of Princeton, Illinois

They are members of St. Paul Parish and the Valparaiso Elks. Emma Vass has joined the Valparaiso Topps Club and the Welcome Wagon. Mike provides a helping hand to his sons in the care and upkeep of their apartment building.

VIETZKE FAMILY



Since they came to Porter County in August, 1941, Dr. Paul C. F. Vietzke. his wife, Alice, and their four children have been active, contributing members of the Valparaiso community. Born on a farm near Stanwood, Michigan, Dr. Vietzke was educated at Ferris Institute (now Ferris State College) Big Rapids, Michigan, Chicago Training School (now part of Garrett Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, Ill.) Depauw University Greencastle, Indiana, and Indiana University School of Medicine, with graduate work at Cook County Hospital and Northwestern University Medical Center. Mrs. Vietzke is a graduate of Whiting, Indiana, public schools and DePauw University.

When they decided to enter private practice the Vietzkes chose Valparaiso because it was near both their homes, because of the strong encouragement of the Reverend Russell B. Kern, then pastor of the First Methodist Church, and because of the excellent new county hospital, Porter Memorial. Before coming to Valparaiso the Vietzkes had served the American Indians under the Bureau of Indian Affairs in government hospitals in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Fort Defiance, Arizona; Crow Agency, Montana, and Talihina, Oklahoma. Their two younger children, Wesley and Kathleen, were born on reservations.

In 1940, because of his work as chief surgeon in BIA hospitals, Dr. Vietzke was honored by election to membership in the International College of Surgeons, of which he is a Life Fellow. He is also a member of the Society of Abdominal Surgeons, Porter County Medical Society, Indiana State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He served DePauw University as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1946 to 1966, elected by the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church. During those years the four Vietzke children all graduated from DePauw with distinction. Dr. Vietzke has always been an active, loyal member of his church, serving locally as member of the administrative board, trustee, lay member of annual conference, and on district and conference boards of church location. He is a twenty-five year member of Kiwanis Club, American Legion, and several Masonic bodies— Porter Lodge 137, F. & A.M.; South Bend Consistory, Scottish Rite, and Orak Shrine, Hammond.

Because of his heavy medical practice he could not be as active in civic affairs as he would have liked. So he encouraged Mrs. Vietzke to participate. She needed little encouragement, and over the years worked in many educational and service organizations: P.T.A., Band Parents, Cub Scouts, Y.M.C.A., V.N.A., Church Women United. She served as President of the American Association of University Women, Valparaiso Woman's Club, and the Family Service Association of Porter County, which she helped organize. For seventeen years, from 1952 to 1969, she was a member of the City Plan Commission, part of the time also on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Named Woman of Distinction in Valparaiso in 1956, she received an Alumni Citation from DePauw in 1961. But her church work always came first. She served for many years as a member of the administrative board, work area of Missions, lay member of conference, and was active in all levels of the United Methodist Women. But the most difficult and rewarding was her work with youth Junior High, High School and College. She taught a high school class for twenty-five years and kept in touch with many when they went away to college or service as representative of the United Methodist Women.

All the Vietzke children were involved with church, school and community while they were here, but only one is currently living in Valparaiso. Paul C., M.D., is a Board-certified specialist in Internal Medicine on the faculty of the University of California Medical School in San Francisco. He has two sons, Paul and Jeffrey. Joyce (Mrs. Melvin Allen), is an elementary teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina. They have four children, Jeffrey and Pamela in college, and Craig and Cynthia. Wesley, M.D., also a Board-certified Internist, has just joined a group practice at Yale University after several years as associate dean of the University of Connecticut Medical School. They have two children, Gay Elizabeth and Robert Paul. Kathleen (Mrs. Donald Evans), graduated from Valparaiso University Law School in 1974. Kathleen and Don are practicing with Gary Legal Aid and living in Valparaiso. They have one daughter, Melissa.

For twenty years, from 1942 to 1962, the Vietzkes lived at 60 Jefferson St., Valparaiso. They remodeled the sixteen room home built by the Leonards in 1905 and later used as apartments and

a funeral home, so that the first floor was a modern, well-equipped medical office, and the second and third floors the family home. When Dr. Vietzke joined in building the Valparaiso Medical Center at 1005 Campbell, the family moved to a new home in Forest Park. The Jefferson Street building was sold to Drs. Jack and Tom Dittmer for their medical offices.

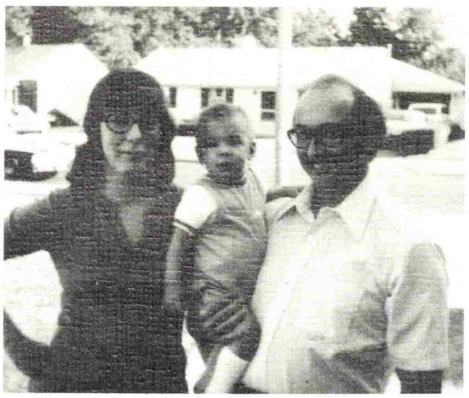
Dr. Vietzke passed away while this book was being published.

VNUK FAMILY

Hi, my name is David Vnuk, this is my wife Mary Jo and our son Aaron. My wife and I moved to Porty County in December of 1968. Prior to that we lived in Wisconsin all our lives. I was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, went to school there and graduated from high school in 1959. I went to the University of Wisconsin Extension Center for one and one half years and then enlisted in the Air Force. I was stationed in Texas most of the time but did spend one and one half years in Turkey. During my service I attended classes at San Angelo State College. Upon discharge from service I returned to Manitowoc and was employed as a computer programmer for a local company where my wife also was employed. I'll let my wife tell you about herself.

Hi! I was born in Two Rivers, Wisconsin and went to school there and graduated from high school in 1965. That summer I entered our local Miss Two Rivers pagent and finished first runner-up in the competition. After one year at college I became employed at the same office where my husband worked. We were married on October 19, 1968 and moved to Valparaiso in December. My husband became employed at Midwest Steel Corporation which was how we happened to move here. The following January I started working at Northern Indiana Bank and Trust Company where I worked until I retired recently to start our family. Our son Aaron was born in November of 1974 and we are so excited about being parents and hope to have more children.

My husband has always been active in bowling and softball so one of the first things he did was sign up to bowl in the local leagues and play softball in the park district's fast pitch league,



where he's played for a number of years.

About three years after we moved here we began to become involved in organizations and clubs. Dave joined Knights of Columbus and held one of the offices during 1974-75. Since we married and moved he took up golfing and plays on Midwest Steels league and was secretary of the league during its 1974 season. He recently joined the Elks Club and likes it very much because we've met new friends and always have a great time at their dances and dinners.

I joined the Oasis Club of St. Pauls about three years after we moved and held the office of treasurer during the 1972-73 year. I also have joined K of C wives and am treasurer for 1975-76. I can't seem to get away from that job.

Both my husband and myself are very active in St. Paul's Catholic Church. Mr. husband is lector and commentator and I am a song leader and I count Sunday collection once in a while. The banking experience really helps here.

We've enjoyed living here because the snow isn't quite so deep in the winter and the weather is much warmer in the summer than where we came from. The people here are friendly. Also, living in Northern Indiana we have easy access to four other states if we wish to travel anywhere.

RONALD P. VOLLRATH

My dad, Ronald P. Vollrath, is 6'2" tall, has brown hair, hazel eyes and is an Assistant Chief Draftsman at McGills. He is 40 years old. My mom, Patricia L. Vollrath, is 5'4" tall, has brown hair, gray blue eyes and she is a clerk at Wendt Bros. Drugstore. She is 36 years old. My brother, Matt W. Vollrath, is 5' tall, has blonde hair, blue eyes and is 12 years old, and me, Julie A. Vollrath is 4'6" tall, with blonde hair, blue eyes, and 10 years old. We have been residents of Kouts for 8 years. We came to Kouts because we knew a man who built houses and we needed a new home. Both my parents were born and raised in Indianapolis. My brother and I were also born in Indianapolis and lived there until we were 5 weeks old. We then moved to Valparaiso and we lived there until I was 2 and Matt was 4, then we moved here. We love to camp and we do quite a bit of it. In fact, we went to Penn. this year and saw the Liberty Bell, Gettysburg Battlefield, Liberty Hall, Phila. Mint, Hershey Park, Betsy Ross' house, Benjamin Franklin's grave, Valley Forge, and Independence Hall. We also went and saw lots of Lincoln stuff this year. We have one female dog Trixie, and we will have a kitty soon. We are glad we live in Kouts.

THE WAGGONER FAMILY

James R. Waggoner accepted a teaching position with Portage High School as an industrial arts-vocational welding instructor in the fall of 1966 and moved to Chesterton from his hometown of Greentown, Indiana. James is a graduate of Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. On June 25, 1967, James married Aleda Gettle of Clay City, Indiana, and they set up their first home in Chesterton. Aleda, also a graduate of Indiana State University, has a degree in nursing. She has worked at Porter Memorial Hospital, taught practical nurses and has also taught kindergarten.

In January of 1970 the Waggoners purchased a home on North River Drive in Chesterton (Porter) and have lived at that residence since then.

The Waggoners have two children: Shawn Richard born on November 3, 1971 and Jamee Johnelle born March 22, 1974. The Waggoners expect their third child around the first of November 1975.

WALDORPH FAMILY

Harry D. Waldorph and Lottie A. Hicks were married October 24, 1906 in Chicago. Lottie was the daughter of William T. and Mary (Pratt) Hicks. She had four sisters. Lottie lived her entire life in Porter County. Harry was born

in Yale, Michigan and was the oldest of five girls and three boys. He came from Yale to Chicago and then to Porter County for the rest of his life. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in their home in Valparaiso in 1956.

Harry operated service stations in the Valparaiso area for many years. He was also a bookkeeper for Thompson's Dairy in Chesterton before retiring. Lottie was employed for more than fifteen years at the former Continental Diamond Fibre Co. She was a member of King's Daughters and they were members of the First Christian Church of Valparaiso.

They were the parents of six children. Ruth, the eldest, married Edward Reibly October 24, 1926. They had four sons and one daughter. All five are married and the Reiblys have nineteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They now reside in Hebron.

Helen married Harvey Shearer November 2, 1930. They have two married daughters and five grandchildren. All reside on division road in Morgan Twp.

Harry E. was married to June Bevier on June 18, 1950. He was a navy veteran and resided in Elkhart until his death following heart surgery on May 2, 1961.

Mildred married Willard Knauer July 25, 1937. They had one boy and one girl. Their son was killed in an auto crash at the age of twenty-three. Their daughter married and has three sons. The Knauers reside in Merrillville.

Mary Alice married Lawrence Ludington September 6, 1936. They have two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren. They make their home on Boone Grove.

William F. married Vesha Gerash Hershey on June 12, 1954. They have two sons and two daughters and live in Hobart.

Harry D. Waldorph died at the age of 84 on November 13, 1963. Lottie died May 19, 1974 at 91 years.

Submitted by Lawrence Ludington

GEORGE A. WALSH FAMILY

The George Allen Walsh family includes Rebecca Spitler Walsh, Arlene Joyce Walsh, Nancy Carol Walsh, Gregory Allen Walsh, Linda Kluever Walsh (Wife of Gregory), and Matthew Scott Walsh (5 year old son of Gregory and Linda).

George is a native of Wheeler, Indiana and Becky from Rensselaer, Indiana. They are alumni of Wheeler High School and have lived in Valparaiso since 1935. Their children are Arlene, Nancy and Gregory. Each graduated from Valparaiso High School. Furthering their education, Arlene graduating from South Bend Business College. She is now employed at Indiana Information Controls, Valparaiso, as a bookkeeper. Nancy graduated from Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, then obtained a Master of Arts Degree from Ball State. She is now the Girls Athletic Director and Physical Education teacher at the Valparaiso High School. Gregory has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Valparaiso University and obtained a Master's Degree from Loyola. He served four years in the Air Force and is now accountant Manager at Johnson and Johnson in Chicago. Linda, Greg's wife has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies obtained from Valparaiso University. She is the Executive Director of Reach Out in Blue Island, Illinois.

George participated in various sports all of his life. At present his favorite exercise in golf. He served two years as National President of Delta Sigma Fraternity and seven years on the Valparaiso Board of Zoning Appeals. George retired from the McGill Manufacturing Company after 44 years of service. At present, he and his wife are enjoying the leisure life between Naples, Florida, and Valparaiso.

THE JOSEPH ALLEN WARREN FAMILY

On February 21, 1911 Joseph Allen Warren (1870-1948) with his wife Mary Imogene (Philpott) Warren (1873-1944) and children Myrna, Elliott (1902-1970), Seral (1904-1973), Harris and Allen came from Lincoln, Nebraska to Pleasant Township, Porter County, Indiana. Phorhe (b. 1911) and Forest (b. 1913) were born to the family in Porter County. Mr. Warren held bachelor's, master's and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Nebraska and was a member of Sigma Xi, the national scientific honor society.

Mr. Warren came to manage the Reeves Ranch at Kouts. The Grassmere Land Company was formed by him and the heirs of Arthur Reeves. Mr. Warren served as treasurer and manager of this company until his retirement in 1943.

Having drained the marsh in the Grasmere area, Mr. Warren sweetened the soils with lime and increased the fertility with commercial fertilizer until he was able to produce 130 bushels of open pollinated corn per acre. This yield was just under the World's record for corn production at that time. He spent much time lecturing and talking to individuals to explain his approach to increasing crop production per acre.

He was the first president of the Indiana Farm Management Association and was active in the Indiana Farm Bureau which he helped to organize and establish. He was also active in the Indiana Corn Grower's Association, Indiana dairymen associations and other farm organizations.

Representing the Joseph Allen Warren family in Porter County today are—Mrs. Elliott (Albertena Landfadt) Warren (Kouts), Mrs. Arthur (Myrna Warren) Tuesburg (Kouts), grandsons Arthur C., Tuesburg Jr., realtor (Valparaiso), James D. Tuesburg, farmer (Liberty Twp), six great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Submitted by Myrna Tuesburg and Forest Warren

MR. AND MRS. AVERY B. (FRANCES TILTON) WEAVER

Avery was born in Rochester, N.Y. on May 15, 1900, son of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Weaver, where he attended public schools. He came to Valparaiso, Ind. in Nov. 1921, a Navy veteran of World War One, and enrolled in Valparaiso University, was editor of The Torch, cartoonist of The Record, received a B.C.S. degree in 1925. While attending the university he met Frances Tilton, of Valparaiso, student in the University Law School. They were married on Nov. 14, 1925, and moved to Chicago where they lived several years. In Mar. 1927 Avery accepted employment from Lynn M. Whipple, publisher of The Evening Messenger. In July, 1927, The Messenger merged with The Daily Vidette and the local newspaper was known as The Vidette-Messenger.

Mr. Whipple passed away in 1939 and Avery continued the publication of the paper as general manager and treasurer until he retired in the fall of 1965. During his association with the newspaper he became known as "Mr. Vidette- Messenger," was active in civic, political and social affairs. He holds a life membership in the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce for his dedication to the community; he served as a member of the board of the Indiana Rivers and Harbors Commission for a number of years; a plaque from the Rotary Club for his many years of devotion and loyal service, and a charter from Gov. Whitcomb of the state of Indiana declaring him a Distinguished Hoosier for his dedication and loyalty to the state of Indiana, along with many other certificates of merit. He also obtained acknowledgement with his avocation, painting, receiving recognition and awards from both the Hoosier and the Northern Indiana Art Salons, as well as local exhibits. One of his oil paintings was selected by the Sloan Committee for its permanent collection at Valparaiso U.

Frances was born in Hays, Kansas, on May 29, 1904, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Tilton, both teachers and administrators in the Kansas public school system. They came to Valparaiso in 1907 where both continued their education at Valparaiso University. Mr. Tilton was enrolled as a student-teacher and obtained his B. S. degree in 1909. Mrs. Tilton was active in school circles, the suffrage movement, Woman's Club, and the Methodist Church. She died on May 27, 1949. Mr. Tilton taught in the area public schools until 1914, when he opened his law office in downtown Valparaiso, and continued in active practice until his death on Mar. 31, 1971. He had a distinguished career in Valparaiso political, educational and community affairs. He was well known as a lecturer, writer, served as County Chairman of the Democrat Party, county attorney, city attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, Judge of the Porter Circuit Court, ever willing to give aid to the underprivileged. The Bar Association of Porter County presented to him a plaque on Mar. 4, 1971, which reads "In recognition of 57 years of service to the citizens of Porter county in active practice of law and Juris Prudence, in Porter County, Ind."

Frances graduated from Valparaiso Public Schools, and the Law School of Valparaiso University in 1925, the first girl to graduate from the local H.S. to practice law and the first girl from the Law School with licenses to practice law in two states, Indiana and Illinois. She was an associate member of the law firm of Vose and Vose, 140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, for a period of 7 years, during which time she was in civil practice in the courts in Chicago. In 1933 she returned to Valparaiso when she was appointed fee attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corp. (a special Act provided by Congress during the depression). She was in civil practice with her father, was the first woman to serve as special judge in the Porter Circuit Court, and was first Valparaiso City Planning Commission chairwoman. She served on the Valparaiso City Library board, the YMCA board, was county president of the Federated Clubs, president of the League of Women Voters, and the local chapter of Tri Kappa and held several appointments on Tri Kappa state committees, Presbyterian church boards, parliamentarian for the Porter Memorial Hospital Guild, from the date of its organization in 1939 to the present time, in addition to participating in community activities, in cooperation with her newspaper executive husband, Avery B. Weaver

Submitted by Avery B. Weaver

(Mr. Weaver passed away shortly before the publication of this history book).



PAUL AND EVONE WERSKEY FAMILY

In April 1967 I was employed by Porter Memorial Hospital for the position of Assistant Administrator and General Business Manager and have been employed in that capacity since that time. We moved to Valparaiso in June 1967.

The following is a brief summary of information about our family prior to moving to Valparaiso.

Evone was born in Mt. Morris, Illinois, graduated from Mt. Morris High School, Rockford Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, and the Northwestern University School of Nurse Anesthetists.

I was born in Vernon, Indiana, graduated from Vernon High School and Valparaiso University with a BA in Business Administration and Business Education.

Evone and I met in Rockford, Illinois when I was in military service stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois. Evone and I were married in October, 1942 at Falmouth, Massachusetts while I was stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. At the end of World War II I decided to remain in Military Service as an Officer in the Army Medical Service. My primary military assignments included U. S. Army Hospital, Ft. Meade, Maryland, Overseas Supply Division, New York Port of Embarkation, Fifth Army Surgeons Office in Chicago and with the U.S. Army Hospital, Landstuhl, Germany.

I retired from Military Service following which I taught school at Hammond High School and was Manager of a Medical Clinic prior to my employment with Porter Memorial Hospital.

Evone has been employed as a Nurse Anesthetist at St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond, Indiana, St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, Illinois, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Dyer, Indiana and is presently employed by Starke Memorial Hospital as a Staff Anesthetist.

In our spare and leisure time we enjoy travel, Music and Theater, playing duplicate and contract bridge, reading, golf, and sports in general.

We have two children, Gary and Linda. Gary is now 32 years of age, married and lives in London, England. Gary graduated from Northwestern University and has a PHD from Harvard University. His wife Jennifer is a graduate of Oxford University and is currently a member of the teaching staff at Leicester University in the Social Studies Department. Gary is a member of the teaching staff at University of Bath in the History of Science Department, has

worked with the British Broadcasting System on special programs, reviewer for Nature Magazine, and is currently working on the completion of a book on his Doctorate Thesis.

Linda was married in June 1972 to Michael Williams and they live here in Valparaiso. Linda is a graduate of Valparaiso University with a BA with a Major in German and Education. Michael is a graduate of Depauw University with a BS in Music and has a Masters Degree in Music from Valparaiso University. Michael is a member of the Teaching Staff of the Portage School System and teaches band and Music Education at Fegly Junior High School.

LEONARD L. WETMORE FAMILY

The Valparaiso experiences of the Leonard L. Wetmore family is divided into three paragraphs, each paragraph covers a decade.

In July of 1946 Leonard L. Wetmore, a recent graduate of Indiana College of Mortuary Science, came to Valparaiso employed as an embalmer for Howard LePell Funeral Home. He made his temporary home with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Edelman at 201 Monroe St. known then as Mead Apartments. His wife, Dorisann, and 8 year old son, David, joined him in January 1947 which was the first opportunity to find a 2 bedroom apartment in an acute city housing shortage following World War II. Starting as a twenty-eight year old Freshman at Valparaiso University, Dorisann earned in three and one-half years a BA degree and was teaching at Cook's Corners School. She had also served as a County Probation Officer on a part time basis with Mr. Kenneth Wolf, Chief Probation Officer. Dorisann and Mrs. Thomas C. Hall of Chesterton organized the Porter County Mental Health Association in 1954. Leonard and Dorisann purchased the beautiful old two-story home with leaded paned windows, open stair well and massive fireplace at 152 Jefferson. This home stood directly north of Hotel Lembke, and they moved it east on Lincolnway and south on Franklin to its present location at 102 Brown St. in 1955. Son David was a pupil at St. Paul Elementary School and during his formative years earned many blue ribbons at hobby shows for his extensive collection of horses, and received numerous honors in Scouting including "Order of the Arrow". In February 1952 Leonard started his political career as a nominee for Porter County Coroner, he was defeated in the Primary by Hallard A. Flynn, a Chesterton Funeral Director, but Leonard was appointed and served for 10 years as County Deputy Coroner.

The decade from 1956 to 1966 held many exciting moments for the Wetmores. David graduated from VHS, and continued his education in Florida at the University of Miami. Keith Chidester Wetmore was born into the family, and subsequently Miss Grace Stibbe assumed the governess duties with unlimited love and constant concern until her death when Keith was seven. Dorisann earned an MS degree from Indiana University and served as Director of Special Education in Merrillville Schools. In 1958 David married Patricia Lorence from Lowell, and established their home in the city. Here their daughter, Tracey, and son, Mark, were born. In February of 1961 Leonard and Dorisann purchased the Howard LePell business, and it was renamed the Wetmore Funeral Home, Inc. In May of 1964 they opened their new facility on Roosevelt Rd., occupying the east side of the 100 block—the first complete, all-new funeral establishment in Porter County. During this decade Leonard served one term (4 years) upon appointment of the Governor of Indiana to the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

Many more interesting events occurred during 1966 and to the present. In November of that year Leonard was elected Republican Coroner of Porter County and served almost eight years in that office. His last year was interrupted by his election to the County Council in November of 1974. At this time he is a candidate for Mayor of Valparaiso having won the nomination over John Worstell in May. Son David graduated from Purdue University and is living as fourth generation on the family homestead at Kentland. Son Keith graduated from VHS in 1956 during which time he participated with VU Players, Community Theatre Guild, starring in "Forty Carats", spent two summers in Interlochen Music Camp, Michigan, a summer internship with Congressman Earl F. Landgrebe, played first chair position tuba with All State Band, was elected Master Councilor of Valparaiso DeMolay, earned placement in Accelerated Program at Northwestern University where is currently an honor student. Leonard received two special honors: an award for ten years as Chairman of Porter County Red Cross Chapter, and the Special Service Award from Indiana State Police. Dorisann was named by Mayor Elden Kuehl to the City Plan Commission and first woman member of the Board of the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce. Earlier in the decade John Wiggins, Mayor, had appointed her to the first and only City Comic Book Commission. She is currently leading a rape prevention group proud of its 400 members. She has traveled on all continents except Africa and Anarctica. *The Spokesman, National Funeral Director* and *Vidette-Messenger* have published her articles. Leonard or Dorisann are currently or have been active in the following organizations: Valparaiso Woman's Club, American Association of University Women, Porter Cancer Board, Church Women United, Methodist Church, Community Concert Association, Porter County Historical Society, Porter Memorial Hospital Guild, Valparaiso U. and Indiana U. Alumni Association, St. Paul Church, Unicef Drives, Farm Buraeu, Republican Woman's Club, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Protective Association of Porter Co. and Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce.

CECIL WHITE FAMILY

My Mother, Father and Brenda moved here 12 years ago. Kristi and I were born in Porter County. I lived here for ten years. Kristi lived here for eight years. My Dad likes to play ball a lot. My Mom likes to play tennis. Brenda and I like to play Yahtzee and Speed. Kristi and I like to play everything. There are a lot of things to do here. I like to go to school because it is fun in fifth grade. I didn't like 1-3 grades. It was not fun. I like Miss Nightingale. She is nice. We all like it here. Because it is nice and fun here.

By Kelly White

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Penny White 31
Brenda White 12
Kelly White 10
Kristi White 8

HERBERT WILSON FAMILY

The Herbert Wilson family has lived in Valparaiso for only one year, but they have been residents of Porter County all their lives. Herbert is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, life long residents of Lake and Porter Counties. He is a crane operator at Inland Steel. Mrs. Wilson (Evelyn) is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Applegate of Hebron who were members of one of the first families of Porter County. Evelyn is cataloger for Valparaiso-Porter County Libraries. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are graduates of Hebron High School, as are all five of their children.

Their daughter Cheryl is married to Robert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Portage. Cheryl and Bob also live in Portage and are on the teaching staff of Portage Twp. Schools. They have a five-year-old daughter, Jennifer.

Their second daughter, Cecile, is married to James Deardorff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Deardorff of Teft. They live in Kouts with their son Douglas who was born in June, 1975. Jim works for the Valparaiso School system.

The Wilson's son Byron is married to Constance Heine. She is the daughter of the late Lloyd Heine and Mrs. June Heine of Hebron. They have two daughters, Tameron 6 and Nicole 4. Byron is employed by U. S. Steel and lives in rural Hebron.

Vicki is married to Ronald Andershock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Andershock of Chesterton. Vicki is on the bookkeeping staff of Tittles and Ron is a steelworker.

Their youngest daughter Colleen is married to Keith Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Fitzpatrick of Hebron. Keith is employed at Bethlehem Steel and Colleen is a waitress at the Waffle Shop in Valparaiso.

WELLS

Rufus P. Wells was born December 15, 1817 in Athens County Ohio. At the age of 17, he and his half uncle and family moved to Elkhart County Indiana until the spring of 1838. He came to Porter County and worked at odd jobs for four years. He then engaged in teaching winters and working summers. On September 30, 1849 he married Miss Maria Smith and moved to his 320 acre farm in Porter Twp. which he had purchased in 1844. In 1870 he was elected to the office of clerk of courts of Porter County by the Republican party taking his seat in Nov. 1871. He was re-elected and served in all 8 years. He was a member of the Christian Church and Masonic Lodge. His wife died in 1875 leaving three children, John Q., Orrin and Mary (married C. E. Mandeville). He married Ruth Shenck of England in 1878. Mr. Wells died in 1911 at the home now occupied by the John Q. Wells at the age of 93.



Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gilson

John Q. Wells married Miss Hattie Coates in Alliance, Ohio, March 5, 1874 and lived on the home farm (now the home of the John Garriots in east Porter Twp.). He was in politics too besides farming. When his health didn't permit him to farm he sold out and spent sometime in Chicago and finally lived on Michigan St. in Valparaiso. He died of a heart attack at the age of 64. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Burgess, Grace, Mary and Ruth. All are deceased.

Mary Wells born March 29, 1887, married Arthur Gilson of rural Hebron Oct. 1, 1903 at the home of her parents. They started housekeeping on a farm in Boone Twp. on a farm owned by Clinton Gilson, living in an old school house located on the farm until the house was finished in the spring. She was very active in O.E.S. being worthy matron in 1930, holding every office in the Hebron Chapter and secretary for many years until her death in Feb. 28, 1968. She was a member of the Christion Church of Boone Grove and a charter member of the Aylesworth Club which was started Oct. 12, 1912.

Clinton Gilson and Rosa Kerr were married Sept. 2, 1873. They lived on a farm in Boone Twp. now occupied by Lewis Gilson. Four boys were born (2 died in infancy), Otto and Arthur. Arthur and Mary lived on the farm most of the time except two years staying at the Otto Gilson home. They moved back to their farm living in the home purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller. Arthur served on the advisory board of Boone Twp. in 1938 when the new Hebron School was built where it now stands, also at the same time was on the advisory board for the new Porter Memorial Hospital. He passed away in the hospital Jan. 3, 1969. One son, Chester David was born Sept. 25, 1905. Chester married Edna E. Rampke Oct. 1, 1933 at the home of her parents in Boone Grove.

William Rampke and Miss Mary Schultz were married in Riverdale, Ill., Feb. 20, 1890. Two years later they moved to a farm which they purchased 3 miles south west of Valparaiso near the old Leonard Schoolhouse. Eight children were born to this union, six still living. Twenty years later they moved to a farm known as the Robert Wark farm, 1 mile east of Boone Grove. After 11 years of farming they moved to the house across the schoolhouse. He was janitor of the school when Clayton Phillips was trustee.

Chester spent the first eight grades in the Aylesworth School which was located on the west side of the road between the bridge and State Road 8. The last four years of high school was in Boone Grove, graduating in 1925. Edna spent all 12 years there graduating in 1928.

Chester and Edna have spent their entire maried life on the farm home. Chester's son Lewis, by a former marriage, lives on the old Gilson homestead. He married Miss Joan DeVelde in 1950 and have two children. Edith was born May 24, 1938 in the same house her father was born. Nov. 22, 1938 Chester lost his right arm in a shredder while at work at Otto Gilsons. Work has been hard but his hobby has been to fix and make things easier to work with one arm. They started an egg route in Gary in 1935 when they couldn't sell any around here and have had it ever since, missing only a few

deliveries because of bad weather, going every week. At one time there were 3 generations taking eggs. Edith married to Robert Young, Sept. 19, 1959 and are living in their house on the corner of the farm. Until the death of Arthur and Mary, 4 generations (counting the 3 sons of Edith and Robert) were living on the same farm.

WINELAND FAMILY

In April 1945, Gerald and Marjorie Wineland and daughter Judith Diane (born September 2, 1943) returned to northern Indiana. Gerald completed a wartime job, working as a welder in the Seneca, Illinois shipyard.

May 1, 1945 the family moved to Hebron. May 28 another daughter, Nancy Lynn, was born.

April 1946, they purchased and moved into the William Martin property on the east side of town. (This still remains the family home). In March 1948 the family joined the Hebron Methodist Church.

June 1948 Gerald joined the Pipefitters Association, Local Union 597. He worked as a welder and a pipefitter in construction work until his death.

November 9, 1958 a son, John Dennis, was born. May 1961 Judith graduated from Hebron High School. She married Cosmo Hernandez. She now lives in Valparaiso and has two sons. Later the same year Nancy married Larry Wilson. She now lives in Cedar Lake and has three daughters and one son. June 1967 John was baptized and became a member of the Hebron Christian Church. In September 1968 Gerald and Marjorie were baptized and became members also.

April 1971 Marjorie opened the "Wineland Accounting and Tax Service" office in her home at 505 East Sigler Street in Hebron.

June 1974, John received the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America.

February 18, 1975 Gerald passed away.

At the present time John lives at home with his mother. He is a senior at Hebron High School. He plans to attend college after graduation.

WANDA WINKLER FAMILY

My family has lived in Porter County all their lives. My Mother and Father, Harold and Carlyn were both born in Porter County in January 1943. I was born in August 1964. My brother, Wayne in March 1968 and my sister, Anna was born in November 1969.

My Grandfather and Grandmother Winkler have lived in Porter County all of their married life. And my Grandfather and Grandmother Cannon were born and raised in Kouts.

My Great Grandfather Maul was a basket and furniture maker in Kouts. He made them of reeds. My Great Grandfather Peters had a blacksmith shop in Kouts for years.

JALYN M. WISE

My name is Jalyn M. Wise. I am 10 years old. My father's name is Charles M. Wise. He is 32. My Father was born in Michigan and came to Porter County looking for work. My mother's name is Judith E. Wise (Jones). She is 27 years old. My mother was born and raised in Porter County. She and her family have lived in Porter County all their lives. I'm the oldest of the children. I was born in Porter County Memorial Hospital and lived in Porter County ever since. My brother Charles W. Wise is 9 years old. He too was born in Porter County Memorial Hosiptal. After my Mom and Dad were married, we have lived in Porty County ever since.

WISTRAND FAMILY

Mr. August Wistrand, born in Stockholm, Sweden, was one of Baillytown's earliest settlers. He came there in 1850 and built a small two-level home, directly behind the present Goodfellow Camp. There he lived with his brother Johan Wistrand. Their mother, Katherine Wistrand, born in Sweden in 1788, came over to live with them. She passed away in 1869 and is buried in the Burstrom Cemetery.

August Wistrand was a Civil War Veteran. Inasmuch as he was a neighbor of Joseph Bailey, he would trade freshly butchered pork for maple sap obtained from trees surrounding the Bailly Homestead.

In 1865 August Wistrand married



Charlotte Petersson, born in Jonkoping, Sweden in 1835. To this union three daughters, namely Augusta, Marie (died at young age) and Anna were born in the Wistrand home.

Anna related how she was greatly influenced by her Aunt and Uncle, namely, Lovisa and Frederick Burstrom, who lived just a short field from them. Mr. Burstrom was a leader in the community. Anna recalled how when she was a child, she assisted her Uncle, as he performed a service, typical in those times, of "Blood-Letting" the residents in the area who might be suffering from high blood pressure.

Five of the Wistrand relatives were among others who were buried in the Indian Cemetery; in approximate year 1875-76, they were moved to the Burstrom Cemetery.

The neighborhood felt the need for a place of worship and a school on the cemtery grounds. So Frederick Burstrom, who had a shed on his property decided to move it down the present Oak Hill Road and across to the foot of the hill in the Burstrom Cemetery. A Bell tower was added to the shed and the structure became known as the Burstrom Chapel. Anna and Augusta attended six years of Grammar School in the Chapel. Here they studied T. S. Pinneo's Analytical Grammar of the English language.

In 1901 Anna Wistrand was married to Victor Charlson of Baillytown at the Augsburg Lutheran Church of Porter and to this union 7 children were born in the old Wistrand home, namely, Vincent (passed away in infancy), Alvin Charlson, Elvera (Mrs. Roy L. Peterson) passed away in 1947, Eleanor (Mrs. J. Irvin Benson), Edith (Mrs. George Martinson), Dr. Vernon R. Charlson and Marian (Mrs. Evar Edquist).

WITHALL FAMILY

The Valparaiso Metal Company at 359 S. Franklin St. was founded in 1935 by the late Albert Withall. Present officers are Mr. Max Withall, President, Mr. Philip M. Chez and Mr. Ira D. Chez. Mrs. Albert Withall (Bessie) lives at 704 E. Jefferson Street in Valparaiso. Her daughter is Mrs. Philip M. (Muriel) Chez. Grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Withall are Ira D. Chez and Michael G. Chez.

THE KENNETH MELVIN WOOD FAMILY

Kenneth M. Wood was born in 1937 at Hobbs, New Mexico, son of Kenneth W. and Waide Minerva Wood. Mariann Wood was born in 1936 at Hammond, Indiana, daughter of Paul E. and Martha De Armitt. Kenneth and Mariann met in Colorado in 1957 and were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, in 1959. Kenneth joined Northern Indiana Public Service Co. in 1961. Previously, he had worked for Walsh Construction and also in the oil fields. He served three years in the Army in the mid-fiftys. He has served on the Valparaiso Police Dept. since the early 1960's as a special officer and is also a police firearms instructor. He holds the position of Quality Assurance engineer for Nipsco.

Mariann came to Valparaiso from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, with the De Armitt family in 1950 and has lived here since, with the exception of almost a year after her marriage when she and Kenneth lived in Kimball, Nebraska. She graduated from Valparaiso High School, worked in the registrar's office at Valparaiso University for a year and for five years was dental assistant and receptionist for Dr. R. O. Johnson, D.D.S. She is a member of Christ Lutheran Church.

Kenneth and Mariann Wood have three daughters: Jennifer Ann, born in 1962; Rebecca Gaye, born in 1967; Melissa Jean, born 1969.

The family moved from town to Washington Highlands Subdivision in Washington Township in 1973.



CHARLES L. WORDEN FAMILY

Charles L. Worden, son of David E. Worden and Wilma M. (Beach), grandson of Vernon L. Beach, was born November 3, 1942 in Valparaiso, Indiana. He attended Central Elementary and Junior High Schools, and Valparaiso High School, graduating in 1960. He attended Indiana University and graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

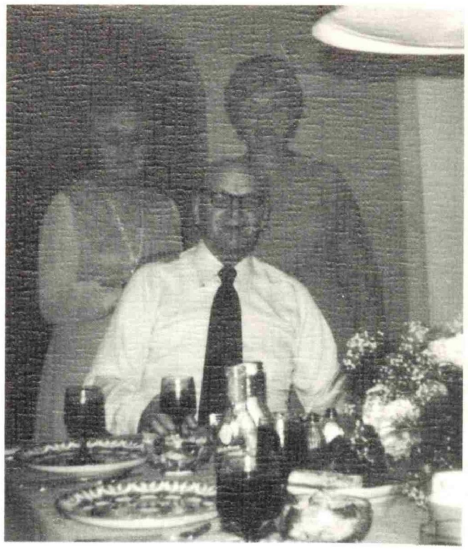
On March 20, 1965 he married Marian (Pulver) Worden, daughter of Robert E. and Ruth (Carlson) Pulver. Marian was born on April 16, 1943 in Lafayette, Indiana and moved to Valparaiso in 1945. She went to Gardner Grade School. She attended Junior High in New York and the American High School, Manila, Philippines, graduating in 1961. Returning to Valparaiso, Mrs. Worden graduated from Valparaiso University in 1965.

The Wordens have two daughters, Patricia Lynn, born December 15, 1966 and Carole Michelle, born December 22, 1969. Both girls attend Cooks Corners Elementary School.

Chuck was associated with the Oxford Shoppe from 1965-1970 when he joined Wiggins Real Estate as a Broker. He is currently office manager for the firm. The Wordens are members of First United Methodist Church where Chuck is chairman of the Commission of Finance. Chuck is also a Valparaiso City Councilman.

WUNDER FAMILY

Steve Wunder and Pearl Wunder and daughter Dorothy Cota. We came to Jackson Center in 1942. We bought the Ben Wood estate and farmed it. Our daughter attended Jackson Center School and graduated from there. We



have 4 grand children, Leslie Jardine, a professor of nuclear science of Downers Grove, Illinois; Karen Sue Parrett of Valparaiso; Jerry and Roger of Michigan City. One great granddaughter of Downers Grove. We had our share of bad luck. Lost a hog house, granary and chicken coop in a fire, and a few years later we lost our home which burned to the ground. We rebuilt on the same location. Mrs. Wunder worked for McGills for 11 years. After staying home for 2 years, she went to work at Beatty Memorial Hospital in Westville and worked there for 12 years. We both retired and are enjoying ourselves. We celebrated our 50th anniversary September 27, 1974, with our family. Mr. Wunder was employed by Hunding Dairy for 22 years before we came here from Chicago. We think Jackson Center is the most beautiful place and hope to stay here for the rest of our time.

CHARLES YARBER FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yarber (Shirley) have five children, four daughters and one son, Pamela attending Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky majoring in music. Gayle, senior at Chesterton High School. Valerie, freshman at Chesterton High School. Garry, seventh grade at Liberty Middle School. Melody, fourth grade at Liberty Elementary. We moved here from Portage nine years ago.

My husband works at National Tube in maintenance. We are in partnership business of Chicken Unlimited in Hammond, Indiana.



CHARLES A. YOUNG

Charles A. Young (popularly known as "Chick") has been on the Chesterton scene for many years as a businessman and civic leader. The son of Charles H. and Sadie (Herrold) Young he was born on April 29, 1903 in LaPorte County where his grandfathers were early pioneers arriving from Ohio by covered wagon.

He first came to Chesterton in 1923 and had various employments until starting in a battery trade about 1929 and opening his own shop during 1931. The year 1933 saw his acquisition of the Sinclair Service Station on the corner of Grant and Calumet in town. In 1950 his business had a major expansion by completely rebuilding the station. For various years after that he was associated with his business until semi-retirement in 1961. Besides his self-employment, Mr. Young was a school bus driver between 1935 and 1963 in and around Chesterton.

During the last twenty-five years civic activities have taken up a large part of his life. For many years he was a member of the volunteer fire department and once served as the assistant chief for that organization. He was chairman of Merchant's Day activities during the Chesterton Centennial of 1952 and from 1953-1954 served as president of the Chesterton Retail Merchants Association.

By 1955 he was politically involved with the Chesterton community as a deputy assessor. In 1958 he ran for an unsuccessful bid as county commissioner during the Republican primary. Another political bid, however, proved successful when in 1967 he ran for the Chesterton Town Board and served from 1968-1972.

On January 26, 1928 at Valparaiso he married Jeanette McClain of Chicago. They had two daughters; Shirley Jean who died in infancy and Elaine now Mrs. Wayne R. Dietz of Chesterton. Mrs. Young died in 1965 after a lengthy illness.

ROBERT L. YOUNG

Robert Lee Young was born in Porter County, Valparaiso, Ind. on April 27, 1933. He was the eldest child of Mrs. Laura Young and the late George W. Young. He graduated from Kouts High School in 1951 and soon after went to work for a car dealer in Valparaiso, Ind. He joined Bush Pontiac as parts manager in Feb. 1961, which is now Ron Gibson Pontiac, Valparaiso. He enjoys bowling, golfing and hunting and is a member of Moose Lodge in Valparaiso. On Sept. 19, 1959, he married Edith Louise Gilson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Valparaiso, Ind. She was born in Porter County, Hebron, Ind. on May 24, 1938, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gilson. She was graduated from Hebron High School in 1956 and went to work for First National Bank of Valparaiso until 1964. She enjoys sewing and is a member of Aylesworth Club. They resided on Erie St. in Valparaiso until 1962 when they moved to their present home at Route 1, Hebron. They are the parents of three boys. Michael Lee was born in Valparaiso, Ind. on Feb. 23, 1961 and is a freshman at Hebron High School. He participates in baseball and basketball and enjoys swimming and bike riding. Scott Alan was born in Valparaiso, Ind. on Dec. 24, 1965 and is a 4th grader at Hebron Elementary School. Scott enjoys all sports and played on summer baseball league. David Arthur was born in Valparaiso, Ind. on June 11, 1961, and is a second grader at Hebron Elementary School. He enjoys helping Grandpa on the farm and also collects license plates. They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Valparaiso.

DONALD P. ZANDI FAMILY

We are Donald P. and Phyllis C. Zandi, R.R. 6 Horn Rd. Valparaiso, Indiana, and our two sons are Robert W. and David P., our daughter-in-law is Diana R., married to Robert, is the daughter of Russel and Pauline Lain, 1705 Beulah Vista Dr. Valparaiso, Ind. We originated in Illinois, Don born in So. Wilmington, Ill. and Phyllis in Bloomington, Ill. Both our sons were born in Gary Methodist Hospital, Bob being 22 years old, David 20 years old, raised and educated in Valparaiso, Diana, 22 years old, born and raised in Valparaiso, Diana attended Ball State Univ. Muncie where she graduated in 1975 in elementary Education, Bob is currently in his 5th year, School of Architecture. David is attending Indiana U. Bloomington and is a junior pre-dental student. All three children graduated from Valparaiso, High School. Phyllis and Don attended Illinois Wesleyan Univ., Bloomington, Ill. Don graduating in 1950, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Phyllis a member of Sigma Kappa sorority. We are members of the First Methodist Church of Valparaiso, Ind.

We came to Valparaiso, in 1953, coming from Gary where Don worked as a claims adjustor since 1950. In 1959 Don joined R. W. Pool Co. Inc. (ex Pool-Arnold Co.) and is currently Vice President of the firm.

ZIMMERMAN FAMILY

Englebert Zimmerman, son of Engelbert and Ada (Longshore) Zimmerman, was born September 15, 1907 in Valparaiso, Indiana. His father was a member of the Editorial department of the Vidette-Messenger. His paternal grandfather Englebert Zimmerman, started the Valparaiso Messenger newspaper on the 7th of March, 1871. His maternal grandfather, John A. Longshore, was of a family of builders who built many of the larger buildings and fine homes in the early days of the city. In ihs later years he was employed by the U.S. Post Office.

Englebert graduated from Valparaiso University Law School in 1929, in the Great Depression. After being Advertising Manager for the Vidette-Messenger, Editor of the Porter County Herald, Deputy County Clerk, he became a

partner of Judge Mark Rockwell in the Porter County Abstract Co. He was president of this company until it was sold to the Pioneer Title Co. He then practiced Law with offices in the First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc., also acting as their attorney.

On September 15, 1828 he married Frances Stappenbeck of Slinger, Wisconsin. Her parents, Henry and Amy (Balcom) Stappenbeck came from Utica, New York to attend Valparaiso University, where Henry graduated from the Pharmacy School in 1904.

Engelbert and Frances had three children: Robert Gene, born October 9, 1929. Married Helen Miller, of Valparaiso, in 1952. They had two sons, Jeffry Steven, born July 4, 1953; Martin John, born March 8, 1956. Robert retired as Lt. Col. from the U.S. Air Force in 1975. He was also a graduate of Valparaiso Law School; Alan, born February 11, 1934 graduated from Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, also attended school in Fontanblieu, France. He served in Germany for two years with the U.S. Army. He was owner of the Alan J. Zimmerman, Interiors firm; Carol Ann, born September 1, 1938. Married William Griffin, of Valparaiso, September 20, 1958. They both attended Indiana University where William graduated in 1958. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he was employed by I.B.M. They had four children; Kimberly Ann, born August 21, 1959; Pamela Sue, born June 26, 1961; William David Jr., born September 23, 1966; Michael Englebert, born January 6, 1970.

KRIS ZIMMERMAN

My name is Kris Zimmerman, I'm 11 years old. I live in Kouts with my family of four. My sister's name is Beth she is 14. My dad's name is Joe he is 36. My Mom's name is Carolyn she is 35. I used to have a brother but he died when he was 3. He would be 17 now. Our last name is Zimmerman.

Our family has lived in Porter County for one year. We used to live in Pennsylvania. We moved to Porter County because my Dad found a good job so now he works in Chicago.

I liked Pennsylvania better than Indiana because Pennsylvania has mountains and I like mountains, also I had more friends there and that's where all my relatives live.

TERRY W. DIETZ

Terry W. Dietz born April 23, 1950 in Valparaiso, Indiana has lived most of his life in Chesterton. The son of Wayne R. and Elaine (Young) Dietz, he was educated in the public schools and graduated from Chesterton High School in 1968. He also holds an Associate of Arts degree (1970) from Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts degree in history (1972) from St. Joseph's College at Rensselaer, Indiana.

For ten years he has been a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Archives Committee which has established a historical record of that congregations development. During the past two years he has been a member of the Porter County Bicentennial Committee and chairman of its Historical Research Project.

Presently, Mr. Dietz is on the faculty of Jefferson High School at Lafayette, Indiana and teaches in the Social Studies Department. His professional affiliations include the Organization of American Historians and the National Education Association. He is also the author of *Chesterton and Porter of the Twentieth Century* which is contained in this book.

MESSAGE FROM KEITH REINERT, CHAIRMAN
HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE AND ARBC BOARD MEMBER

As a member of the Valparaiso Rotary Club, I was asked to attend a special meeting to help establish a Porter County Bicentennial Committee with the ultimate aim of celebrating our country's 200th birthday. George Neeley, a local businessman, contacted me along with G. Warren Phillips, the former Superintendent of Schools. These men of the Rotary Club and I attended the first meeting which helped to form the Bicentennial Committee.

With the help of Charles McGill, who offered the use of his conference room at the Valparaiso Plant, the committee formed, and grew, and developed the many activities which the Porter County people enjoyed during 1976 and will enjoy in the future.

We, United States Americans, can be very proud of having been a part of the 200th year Celebration of the existance of a government that proves freedom is the essence for the ultimate accomplishment of man.

Keith L. Reinert
History Book Committee Chairman

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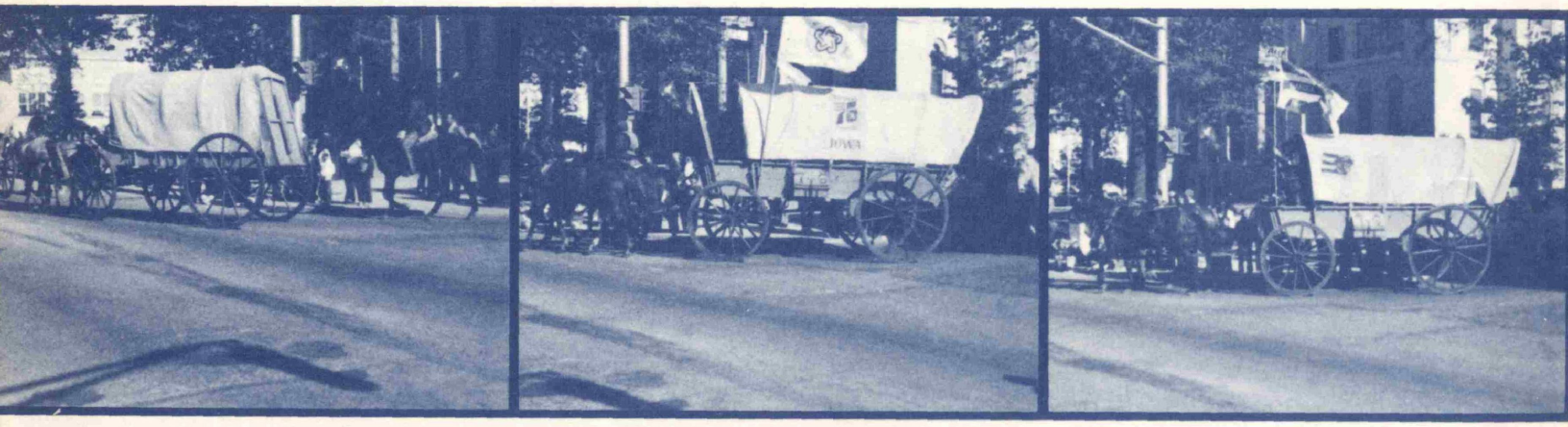
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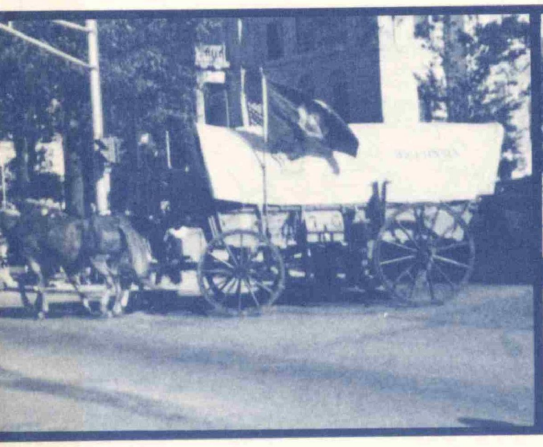
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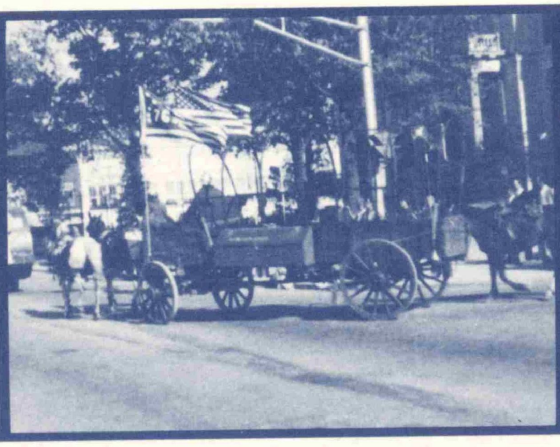
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